

# The Alphabet

of Prayers,  
verge fruitefull to be ex-  
ercised and vsed of  
euery Christian  
Man.

*Newly collected and set forth  
by Iames Cancellor.*

*Seene and allowed according  
to the Queenes Injunctions.*

Luke. 11.

*Euery one þe asketh receyveth,  
and he that seeketh findeth.*

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*Ecclesiasticus. 10.*  
The Glorie of the Honorable, is,  
to feare God.

*To the Right high  
and Honorable, and  
my Singular and ve-  
ry good Lorde, Lorde  
Robert Dudley, Earle  
of Leicester,  
Baron of Denbigh, and  
Knight of the mosse  
Noble order of the  
Garter.*

**T**HE CHIEFE  
and Principall thyng  
(mosse Noble Earle,)  
appertayning to euery  
Honorable Personage ( which  
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thing it is good to see that your Honor doth well consider) is to walke in the Garden of Humility, and the high or direct way to the same, is to passe by the gate of Vertue, whose foundation is anchored and linked to the feare and loue of God: for as by the one is couered the multitude of sinnes, so by the other is obtayned blessednesse, wisdom, and knowledge. D A V I D that noble King and Prophete, after that hee had longe traueyled and had passed thorow the gate of Vertue, entered the fayre and pleasaunt Garden of Humilitie: And his wal-  
king

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king and continuance therein,  
so much pleased God, that God  
sayde of him by the mouth of his  
Prophet: I will set vpp thy seede  
after thee, which shall proceede  
out of thy bodie. Which sentence  
most worthy Earle (although not  
spoken of your noble Parentage)  
in your Honor may be approued,  
which I doubt not your Honor  
considereth. Knowing therefore  
moste Honorable, the great loue  
and affection which your Honor  
euer hath and doth beare to Ver-  
tue and good Letters, I was ther-  
by moued the more boldly, after  
I had gathered together this small

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hand-

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handfull of Flowers (named the Alphabet of Prayers) to dedicate the same to your Honor, as the fruite of my labours, nothinge doubting, but that it shall moſte acceptablye come into your fauorable and ſure protection. And for ſo much as Prayer is the Keye that openeth to Vertue, I thought good moſt Honorable, to ſet forth to the open ſhew of the worlde, and to the increaſe of Vertue, this little Volume or Treatiſe, moſte humbly beſeeching your Honor to accept it as my good will, craving your pardon if anye thinge haue eſcaped me for want of learning.



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ning . And I , accordinge to my  
bounden dutie , shall call daylie  
(with my most humble and hartie  
Prayers) to almightie God, to  
finishe that hee hath begonne in  
you , with prosperous preseruati-  
on of your helth, long to liue  
in Honor, loye, and  
Felicitie. A-  
men.

James Cancellor wisheth  
continuall helth.



It is good for euery estate  
These few lines to imitate.

R	Remember thy calling.
O	Obey thy Prince.
B	Beware of ambition.
A	Aduenge not thy cause.
R	Regarde thine estate.
T	Take counsell of the wise.

D	Deserue no euill reporte.
V	Vse Iustice.
D	Defende the right.
L	Let wisdome rule thee.
E	Embrace Honour.
Y	Yelde to Truth.

## To the Reader.

**I**t is written (gentle Reader,) that in the beginning in the dayes of Seth the sonne of Adam, the people first began to inuocate and call on the name of God, which is to save, by deuoute prayer they did require and aske all things of him, prayesed him, trusted in him, and gaue to him the honoz and worship that belonged vnto him.

And this maner of praying,

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ing, was bled amonge the  
Fathers from Noe, vnto þ  
comming of Christ: And  
they did frequent and vse  
the same as a speciall meane  
and waye to craue of God,  
his mercy, his grace and his  
assistance.

By Prayer also they did  
set forth the glory of GOD,  
appeased his wrath and dis-  
pleasure, and rendred him  
thanks for his benefites re-  
ceyued. Christ our Saviour  
after hys comming taught  
it.

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it also, as a most necessarie  
and comfortable Doctrine,  
whereby we might craue of  
his Heauenlye Father, not  
onely all thinges necessarie  
and needefull for vs (as ap-  
pereth in his Prayer taught  
to his Disciples,) but also  
forgiuenesse of sinnes, to the  
attainement of eternall life.  
And therefore may we well  
say, that as the vse thereof is  
worthie praise, so is y<sup>e</sup> want  
thereof to be lamented. For  
where as Prayer is not fre-  
quented,



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mented, there God is not called vpon for his grace and assistance, neyther is he thanked for his gracious benefites: the free gifte of his mercie is not desired, neyther is the horrible punishment of his iustice feared.

Right well therefore may we in this our age (wherein sinne so much aboundeth, & the ordinarie vse and time and place of prayer so much neglected) lament the lacke of the vse thereof in all degrees,

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gress, with the loose lyfe of  
men, which is so frayle, so  
weake, so peruerse of na-  
ture, and so prone to euill,  
that almost none in maner  
sheweth in liuinge to feare  
GOD. Who is afearde to  
offende him? or who refrai-  
neth to blaspheme his holye  
name? who seeketh to sub-  
due the fleshe to the spirite:  
yea rather, who seeketh not  
to laye the bydle of libertie  
at length, freely and with-  
out stay to followe sinne, the  
cause

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cause whereof is (as I haue  
sayde) the want of true and  
vnfeigned calling on GOD  
in deuout Prayer? For by  
it, is wrought in vs the hate  
of sinne, and by it, is dr̄uen  
from vs, all other occasions  
that might prouoke y<sup>e</sup> wrath  
of God vpon vs. And there-  
fore it maye bee called our  
speedie messenger or trustye  
Ambassadour, which doth  
obtaine for vs a gracious  
audience before the Maiestie  
of God, presenting to him  
the

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the fruites of oure contrpyte  
harts.

But who maye not nowe  
trowest thou (gentle reader)  
rightly say to the worlde, as  
lonas said to the Niniuets:  
There is yet fortie dayes, &  
the world shall be destroyed.

The Niniuetes, as soone  
as the Prophet had proclay-  
med destruction to come on  
them for their sinne, they  
immediately at the first cry-  
ing of him, with trembling  
and feare turned to God, be-  
lieued

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leued him, feared his iustice,  
confessed their sinnes, and  
with penitent hearts craued  
his mercie. But thou, O  
Englande, whome it hath  
pleased God to call, not by  
the mouth of one man, as he  
did y<sup>e</sup> Niniues, but he hath  
called thee by diuers other  
and sundrie meanes: as first  
by giuing thee a moste ver-  
tuous Quene, who for hir  
worshipping of God and set-  
ting forth his name & glory,  
may be compared with Jo-  
shuah



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liab King of Iuda : for his  
vertues, pollicie, and wise-  
dome, with Iudeth : and for  
the cares toward his people  
with humble Hester.

Hee hath not (as I saye)  
called thee, by this his good  
gift of so mercifull and gra-  
cious a Quene, but also  
hath called thee by the prea-  
chers of his Word, by death  
and famine, otherwyle by  
fire from Heauen, by moti-  
on of warre, and lastlye by  
mortalitie of Pestilence, yet

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nothing (O England) doste  
thou regarde his calling:  
wherefore to thæ it maye be  
sayde : the more he seeketh  
thæ, the more thou shunnest  
him: the more he loueth thæ,  
the lesse thou regardest him:  
the more thou needest him,  
the lesse thou thinkest on  
him : so that by thy great  
unkindenesse God is com-  
pelled to say vnto thæ, as he  
sayde to the Israelites : I  
am ouerwearied with bea-  
ring and long suffering of  
thy

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thy wicked & sinfull living.  
If thou therefore doe desire  
to be free from the horrible  
plagues and threathings of  
God, thou must like a true  
Niniuite, with a broken &  
penitent heart, call on God  
with continuall prayer, cra-  
uing of him his mercye,  
grace and assistance, which  
if thou aske w<sup>th</sup> a true faith,  
he will graunt it thee. And  
therefore when thou doest  
praye, thou must (after the  
minde of the Apostle) aske  
15.11. w<sup>th</sup>

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wyth a stedfast fayth, not  
wauering nor doubtful, and  
thy request shall be graun-  
ted thee. He therefore that  
asketh as he ought, recey-  
ueth: and he seeketh well  
that seeketh with continuall  
desire: and he knocketh well  
which doth prouoke Gods  
goodnesse to heare him, as  
did the Woman of Cananie,  
vnto whome Chrysse sayde,  
after hir petition made: **W**  
oman great is thy faith,  
be it vnto thee even as thou  
hast

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hast desired.

Thus (gentle Reader) if thou looe thy health, if thou long to be acceptable to god, if thou desire to be sure from the grennes of the Devill, from the stormes of thys Worlde, from the waye of thine enemies, if thou couet to be happie at the last, let no daye passe thee, but that thou once at the least doe present thy selfe to God by Prayer: And fallinge downe before him with an  
B.iii. hum-



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humble affecte of deuoute  
minde (not from the extre-  
mitie of the lippes only, but  
oute of the inwardenesse of  
the heart,) crye wyth the  
Prophet: O Lorde, the of-  
fences of my youth & mine  
ignoraunce, remember thou  
not: but after thy mercie  
and goodnesse, O Lorde, re-  
member thou me. And thus  
the holy spirite that prayeth  
for thee, and eke thine owne  
necessitie, shall euery houre  
put thee in minde what thou  
shalt

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Shalt pray for, and what you  
shall desire of God.

Who therefore that will  
persist & continue in prayer,  
shall not onely be vnto God  
daily more and more grate-  
full and acceptable, but shall  
also daylie proceede further  
and further from vertue to  
vertue, & shall be made like  
vnto the heauenly and An-  
gelicall mindes, which day-  
lie beholde the presence of  
God. And bicause all the fe-  
licitie of the soule standeth  
B. liti. in

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in the cleere beholdinge of  
the fruition of God, and for  
that our felicitie shall be e-  
uerlasting with him, let vs  
reioyce & say with the Pro-  
phet: Thou shalt, O Lord,  
fill vs full of gladnesse with  
thee, which is no more but  
that our felicitie is fulfilled  
in the seeing and beholdinge  
of God and our nature in  
Christ, sitting in the heauen  
on the right hande of hys  
Father, so that our reward  
is, that we may behold God  
and

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and Iesus Christ his sonne,  
whome he hath sent : to  
the which rewarde he  
bryngs vs y<sup>e</sup> sitteth  
there and pray-  
eth for vs.  
Amen.



## Certayne Sentences set forth after the order of the Alphabet.

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Aske vvith a sure sayth,  
Be seruient in Prayer,  
Confesse thy sinnes,  
Doe vvell to all men,  
Enuie no man.  
Forgiue them that hate thee.  
Giue almes to the Pore,  
Hurt not thine Enemie.  
In aduersitie be pacient,  
Keepe the Commaundementes.  
Loue Vertue and hate Vice,  
Mourne vvith them that mourne.  
Neuer be ashamed of vvell doing.  
Obey God and thy Prince.  
Put the feare of God before thee,  
Quicken thy selfe in Gods promyses.  
Remember the ende ere thou begin.  
Succour the pore and needy,  
To all men be indifferent,  
Vsc often and hearty Prayer.



¶ W̄hē you begin to pray, think  
vpon the remission of Sinnes  
promised in Christ Iesu, and  
let not this sweete Sentence  
spoke of our Saviour, be left  
oute of your remembraunce.  
which is: I saye vnto you,  
whatsoever you aske the Fa-  
ther in my name, he will giue  
it you.

## ¶ A Prayer for the Morning.

¶ Almighty and  
most merciful God,  
I heartilye thanke  
thee for the sleepe and quiet  
rest, which vnder thy pro-  
tection

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tection I haue receyued this  
night, and for that it hath  
pleased thee safely to bring  
mee to the beginning of this  
daye: I wretched Sinner  
moste humblye beseeche thee  
to defende, cherishe, com-  
forte and gouerne mee, and  
all my counsailes, studyes,  
and labours, in such wise,  
that I maye spende and be-  
stowe this daye according to  
thy most holy will, without  
the hurting of my neighbor:  
and that I maye euermore  
by

of prayers.

by thy gouernance, doe that  
is thy will & pleasure, hate  
wronge and loue Iustice.

Also I beseeche thee moste  
mercifull God, strength and  
keepe me in the Faith of the  
catholike Church, and kin-  
dle in me the loue and light  
of thy holpe Spirite, that I  
maye walke in the truth of  
thy Worde. Graunt this

mercifull God, for thy

deare sonne Iesus

Christes sake

Amen.

¶ The

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*The first Psalme*

wherein the penitent requi-  
reth of God to walke in  
his Commaun-  
dements.

**B**lessed are all those  
that are vndefiled in  
the wayes of y<sup>e</sup> Lord:  
and blessed are they y<sup>e</sup> keepe  
his Testimonies, and seeke  
him with their whole heart.

Cause mee thy Creature  
and handsworke therfore (O  
Lorde) diligentlve to keepe  
thy

of prayers.

thy Commaundemēts, and  
so direct my wayes that I  
may keepe thy statutes.

Doe so vnto thy seruaunt  
(O Lorde) that I may liue  
and keepe thy moste holpe  
Woꝛde.

Euer with my lippes will  
I be tellinge of the iudge-  
ments of thy mouth, that I  
may haue delight in y<sup>e</sup> waye  
of thy Testimonies, as in  
all maner of riches.

For so shall I not be con-  
founded, while I haue re-  
spect



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spect vnto all thy Cōmaun-  
dements.

Giue mee vnderstanding  
(I beseeche thee O Lorde)  
and I shall keepe thy lawe:  
yea, I shall keepe it with my  
whole heart.

Hear my voice (O Lorde)  
according vnto thy louinge  
kindnesse: and quicken thou  
mee, accordinge as thou art  
wont.

O Lorde, stablish thy  
Woꝛde in thy Seruaunt,  
that I maye feare thee: and  
open

of prayers.

open thou mine eyes, that  
I maye see the wonderous  
things of thy lawe.

Glorie bee to the Father,  
and to the Sonne, and to  
the holy ghost.

As it was in the beginning  
is now, and ever shall  
bee, worlde with  
out ende. A.  
men.



C.f.

R.D.

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R D.

**R**eward me not O Lord  
according to my deser-  
uing, but if thou doe, than  
must I needes perish: wher-  
fore to thee, I come moste  
mercifull Father, not tru-  
sting in mine owne righte-  
ousnesse, but in thy great  
mercie and promises made  
in Christ Jesu thy Sonne:  
For whose sake, O heauen-  
ly Father, I humbly be-  
seach thee to pardon and for-  
giue

of prayers.

giue mee all mine offences.  
Amen.

**O** God my refuge and my  
strength, which art the  
Authour of all Goodnesse,  
be ready to heare the deuout  
Prayers of thy seruant, that  
those thinges which I aske  
faithfullye, I maye obtaine  
effectuallye, throughe Iesu  
Christ our Lorde. Amen.

**B**ehold not good Lorde,  
that which is amisse in  
C.ij. me,

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me, for if thou do, I shall no  
more be worthy to be called  
thy Sonne: yet of thy great  
goodnesse (O Lorde) poure  
downe of the crummes that  
fall from thy Childezens ta-  
ble, that I maye be as the  
least among them. Amen.

A Ssist mee thy Seruaunt  
(O Lorde) against this  
Woꝛlde, with all the vaine  
pompe, pleasure and beauty  
therof, y it may be vnto me  
as vile dust, filthinesse and  
ashes,



of prayers.

alhes, that I may vse it, as  
though I vsed it not, & that  
it may serue me, & I not it, &  
I may take my part therof  
vnto my necessitie, that I do  
not vse thy creatures volup-  
tuously, but that I may al-  
wayes liue (in this shorthe  
life) righteously, soberly, and  
iustly. Amen.

**R** Emember not O Lord,  
the nūber of my sinnes,  
but according to the multi-  
tude of thy mercies deliuer  
C. iij. me

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me from the paynes due for  
them. Graunt this, O Fa-  
ther, for thy deare Sonne  
Jesus Chyestes sake. Amen.

**T**Cache mee good Lorde to  
number my dayes, that  
I maye applie my heart to  
learne thy Wisedome, and  
so strengthen mee with thy  
holy Spirite that I swaue  
not from thy lawe. Amen.

**D**Oe not with mee, O  
Lorde, as I haue deser-  
ued,

of prayers.

ued, but cal to remembrance  
(for thy sonne Iesus Christs  
sake) thy tender mercyes,  
whiche haue bene euer of  
olde: and cast me not from  
thee, in thy heauie displea-  
sure, least I be consumed &  
brought to naught. Amen.

**V**nto thee (O thou God  
of my comfort) I wret-  
ched Sinner doe come, cra-  
uing of thee thy mercy: En-  
cline therefore thine eare  
vnto my calling (O Lorde,  
C. lllj. and

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and consider the request of  
my hart, for Iesus Chyttes  
lake. Amen.

**D**Eare Father, to whom  
it is more easie to doe all  
things, than for me to think  
any one good thought, giue  
power vnto thy seruāt, that  
I may with a strong fayth,  
vanquish & subdue, what-  
soeuer maye cause me to re-  
bell against thy blessed will.  
Amen.

Loꝛde

of prayers.

**L**orde graunt vnto mee  
thy seruant the strength  
of thy holy spirite, to sub-  
due the body of Sinne, with  
the whole lusses therof, that  
it may be made obedient in  
will and minde to thy holye  
lawes.

**E**very one y sayth A lorde,  
A lorde, shall not enter the  
kingdome of heauē. Streng-  
then therefore thy seruant I  
beseech thee (A lorde) with  
the



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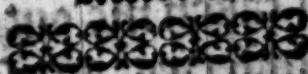
the powre of thy right hand,  
against all the malignitie of  
the olde wylie Serpent. Re-  
plenishe my heart with thy  
wisdom, and comfort thou  
my soule with thy sweete  
promises made in christ Je-  
su, and let thy mercies couer  
mine infirmities. Amen.

**Y**f these my Meditati-  
ons (O Lorde) let thine  
eares bee open, that thou  
mayest heare the Prayers  
which I thy Seruaunt doe  
make.

of prayers.

make before thee this daye.  
And graunt that I maye al-  
wayes aske of thee in suche  
sort as thou requirest, to the  
honour, prayse, and glorie  
of thy name, to the furthe-  
raunce of thy Worde, to the  
profite of my neighbor, and  
to my consolation and com-  
fort, thorow Iesu Christ  
my Saviour and  
Redeemer.

Amen.



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*The second Psalm*  
of thanks giuing after  
aduersitie.

**A**fter y<sup>e</sup> I had longe  
looked for thee, O  
Lord, at the last thou  
didst attende vnto mee, and  
heardest my Prayers.

Blessed art thou Lorde,  
whiche hast not holden backe  
thy mercy from thy seruant  
but hast taken me out of the  
lake of miseries, and set my  
feete

of prayers.

feete vpon a rock, and made  
my steppes sure.

Conioyne thy selfe (O  
God) vnto my soule, & make  
it stronge, least mine eni-  
mies overcome me, and the  
companies of Tirauntes o-  
uerwhelme me.

Dominion, power, and  
gloze be thine, for thou hast  
made all things: and bicause  
thy will is so, they doe still  
continue.

Euē thou, O Lord, hast  
done many things, wonder-  
full

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full and great : and there is  
none that can be like vnto  
thee in thy workes.

For thou helpest them,  
whose harts be broken with  
sorrow : and bearest vp with  
thy hande, them that be con-  
trite in spirite.

Goe not fro mee, O thou  
God of mercie : for thou art my  
sure refuge and the strength  
of my hope.

Haue thou in remembrance  
(O Lorde) the rebuke that  
thy seruaunt hath bene put  
to :



of prayers.

to: and how furiously my  
enimies haue persecuted me.

I haue tasted and felte of  
thy sweetenesse: truly bles  
sed is that mā that trusteth  
in thee.

Keepe thy mercie for mee  
(O Lord) my strength, & my  
praple: thou hast brought  
downe mine enimies, which  
art a iust iudge from the be  
ginning.

Lozde, there shall no good  
thing be lacking to the that  
seeke thee: & they that feare  
thee,

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thee, shall not be helpelesse.

My soule therfore shal neuer cease to speake of thy benifites, which be so many that I cā not number them.

No man maye helpe mee  
O Lord, but thou, who hast brought my Soule oute of Hell, and hast holpen me vp from falling into the deepe, from whence no man returneth.

O Lorde, thus hast thou reuenged the wronges that mine enemies haue done to me,

of prayers.

me, thus hast thou bene my  
comforte in the time of my  
trouble, and hast bene mer-  
cifull vnto me.

Put away from mee, O  
Lorde, that which is euill,  
for thou art holpe, and saue  
thy seruant which euer hath  
trusted in thee.

Quicken me in thy righ-  
teousnesse, and so shall I  
triumph and reioyce in thy  
mercy, for that thou hast lo-  
ked vpon my necessities, and  
hast regarded my soule in

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my

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my great distresse.

Remember **Lorde**, that thou of thine owne will and minde diddest giue strength vnto my soule : but when thou hiddest thy face from me, I was astonied.

Sende forth therefore (**O Lorde**) thy light and thy truth : and they shall leade me vnto thy holye Hill, and into thy holy Tabernacle.

Then shall I haue ioye for the dayes wherin I was in sorrow : and shall reioyce, that

of prayers.

that thou hast remembred  
the rebuke that thy seruant  
hath bene put too.

Merilpe, I was afrayde  
that thou (O Lorde) haddest  
cast me out of thy pꝛesence :  
yet it hath pleased thee to  
heare my Prayers, and ac-  
cording to thy great mercie,  
hast taken mee againe vnto  
thy grace and fauour.

Wherefore, O Lorde, thy  
name bee blessed, prayesd,  
and magnified, both nowe  
and euer : as it was in the  
D.ij. begin.



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beginning, is now and euer  
shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

### A Prayer.

I Giue thee thanks, O god  
Almightie, which not al-  
only hast deliuered me from  
many dangerous perils, &  
troubles of enimies, but al-  
so hast endued mee with the  
giftes of nature, as reason,  
power, & strength, and with  
all other needefull thinges  
thou hast possessest mee. I ac-  
knowledge therefore O lord  
and

of prayers.

and cōfesse with the Apostle  
that these are thy giftes, and  
that there is no perfitte and  
good gift but it commeth  
from thee, O father almighty,  
which giuest freelye and  
castest no man in the teeth.  
I acknowledge w<sup>th</sup> the Pro-  
phet also, that gold is thine,  
and siluer is thine, and thou  
giuest it to whome it plea-  
seth thee. Wherefore, my  
most mercifull God, I hum-  
bly beseech and desire of thee,  
that the increase of these thy  
D. iij. gifts

## The Alphabet

gifts draw mā not frō thee,  
but that thou wilt frame in  
mā, with thy holpe Spirite,  
a true and faithfull hart and  
ready hande to good woꝝkes,  
that I laye not vp treasure  
here, where Thēues maye  
robbe, and Mothes coꝝrupt:  
but in thy heauenlye King-  
dome, where neyther theese  
maye steale, noꝝ Mothe coꝝ-  
rupt.

Graunt thys deare Fa-  
ther, foꝝ thy swēte Sonne  
Iesus Christes sake. Amen.

The

of prayers.

*The third Psalm*  
of confidence and  
trust in God.

**A**lthough (O God)  
neuer so strong en-  
emies shall pitch their  
Tentes againste mee, my  
heart shall not be afrayde:  
for this is certaine, that all  
they which trust in thee, shall  
not be confounded.

Break not therefore, good  
Lorde, the couenaunt that  
D. thy. thou

## The Alphabet

thou haste made with thy  
Seruant : and chaunge not  
that which hath issued oute  
of thy mouth.

Cause that thy holy An-  
gell maye direct and guide  
me, that my soule may trust  
in thee : for thou arte the  
fountayne of lyfe, and my  
recreation in aduersitie.

Deliver me from the sna-  
res of the hunters, and from  
the perilles of my persecu-  
tors : and make a shadowe  
for me vnder thy shoulders,  
and



of prayers.

and I shall be harmelesse.

Euill men are risen vp against me, yet thy truth shall be my shielde and buckler: and therefore if my enemies come against me, I will not flie nor turne backe.

For who is hee that hath trusted in thee, and is confounded: or who hath called vpon thee, and thou hast despised him.

Go not from mee, O Lord, for like as the Hart, when he is chased, coueteth to the  
rivers

## The Alphabet

riuers of water : euen so my  
soule desireth to be with thee.

How great pleasures hast  
thou, O Lorde, prepared for  
me in heauen : that I should  
delight in no earthly thing,  
but in thee ?

I will therefore acknow-  
ledge, that I haue all my  
strength of thee : for thou  
art my hope, my protection,  
my God and my Saviour.

Kepe mee, O Lorde, for  
in thee my health and glorie  
doth consist : thou arte my  
com-

of prayers.

comforte, my strength and  
helper, in whom I do trust.

Let all them, O Lord, re-  
ioyce & be glad, which seeke  
thee: and let them which  
loue to haue Saluation of  
thee, saye: Magnified be the  
Lorde for euer.

Glozy be to the father. &c.

As it was in the begin, &c.

The Versicle.

O Lorde heare my Prayer.

The Aunswere.

And let my crie come vnto  
thee.

The

## The Alphabet

### The Prayer.

**M**ost gracious and  
most wise guide, my  
Sauoure Christe,  
which doest leade all them  
that truely and vnfeynedly  
trust in thee, the right waye  
to immortall blessednesse :  
Graunt mee, that lyke as I  
am weake and feeble, so I  
maye take and repute my  
selfe, y I presume not as of  
my selfe to see my self, but so  
farre to see, that I maye al-  
wayes trusting in thee, haue  
thee

of prayers.

thæ before my eyes , to fol-  
low thæ being my guide, to  
be ready at thy call moſte o-  
bedientlye, and to accompt  
my ſelfe wholye vnto thæ :  
þ thou which onely knoweſt  
the way, mayeſt leade me in  
the ſame way to thy hea-  
uenly loyes , where  
thou reigneſt god  
everlaſtingly.

Amen.



The



The Alphabet

*The fourth Psalm*  
of Mercy,

To be saide before the re-  
ceyuing of the Com-  
munion.

O mercifull Iesu,



Aue mercie vppon  
me, according to thy  
great mercie : and  
according to the multitude  
of thy mercies doe away all  
mine offences,

of prayers.

*O sweete Iesu,*

I Haue sinned against thee,  
and done euill in thy  
sight: that thou mayest bee  
iustified in thy saying, and  
mayst overcome when thou  
art iudged.

*O Christ the Sonne of God,*

Looke on mee with the  
eyes of thy mercye, the  
vnknowne thinges of thy  
wisdomme hast thou reuealed  
vnto mee: if thou therefore  
sprinc

## The Alphabet

Sp2inkle mee with Ilope, I  
shall be censed, if thou wash  
mee, I shall be whiter than  
Snowe.

*O my Saviour,*

**M**ake thou a pure heart  
in mee, and loke no  
more on my sinnes: but af-  
ter thy mercie & great good-  
nesse, put out of thy sight all  
mine offences.

*O my Redcemer,*

**N**O man can helpe mee  
but thou, cast mee not  
there,

of prayers.

therefore from thy presence:  
and thy holpe Spirit take  
not from me.

*O my Maker,*

**O**Ut of the bowels of thy  
mercy giue me comfort  
and thy helpe : so shall I  
teache thy wayes vnto the  
wicked, that they may con-  
uert vnto thee.

*O King of Kings.*

**P**Ut from me bloudguil-  
tesse, thou that art the  
E. i. hope

## The Alphabet

hope of my health, and my  
tongue shall speake of thy  
righteousnesse.

*O Iesu,*

**Q**Uenche the desire of  
Sinne in me, & open  
my lippes, that my mouth  
maye set forth the worthe  
prayse of thy name.

*O marueylous Creator.*

**R**Emember, thou desi-  
rest not the Sacrifice of  
Calues, nor delyghtest in  
whole



of prayers.

whole burnt offerings: yet  
hast thou pleasure in a low-  
ly spirite, and a contrite and  
humble hart, doest thou not  
despise.

*O holy of holiest.*

**S** Ende do wone thy fauou-  
rable beneuolence vpon  
Sion thy holye habitation,  
and builde vp the Wallles  
and Pillers therof, and then  
shall the acceptable sacrifice  
of righteousness be layde  
vpon thine aultare.

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o

The Alphabet

*O holy Father,*

**P**rayse be to thee, and to  
the sonne and holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without ende. Amen.

The Versicle.

**O** Lord Iesu haue mercy.

The Answer.

**W**hich came downe and  
suffered for me.

¶ The Collect.

**O** Lord Iesus Christe  
sonne of the living God  
set

of prayers.

set thy holy Passion, Crosse  
& death betwene thy iudge-  
ment & my soule, both nowe  
and at the houre of death.  
And mozeouer bouchsafe to  
graunt vnto the liuing mer-  
cy and grace, that after this  
life they may haue rest and  
quietnesse in thee: and to  
thy whole Church graunt  
peace and concoorde, that all  
the members thereof maye  
liue and ioy in thee for euer,  
which liuest and raignest  
with the Father and holpe  
C.iii. Chost,

## The Alphabet

Ghost, world without ende.  
Amen.

## ¶ The Prayer.

**O** Lord Iesus Christ the  
onely stay and defence  
of my mortall state, my  
onely hope, my onely salua-  
tion, my victorie, my glory,  
and my triumphe, who in  
the fleshe, (which thou hadst  
for my only cause taken vp-  
on thee) didst suffer thy selfe  
to be tempted of Sathan,  
and who onely and alone  
didst

of prayers.

didst vtterlye ouercome and  
vanquishe sinne, death, the  
Woꝛlde, the Deuill, and all  
the kingdome of Hell: And  
whatsoever thou hast so o-  
uercome fo: my behalfe, it  
is thou y<sup>e</sup> hast ouercommed  
it alone. Giue mee there-  
foze I beseeche thee (O Ap-  
on moste victorious of the  
Tribe of Iuda) strength a-  
gainst the deceptfull way-  
ting of the most subtil Ser-  
pent, which daylie seeketh to  
denour my soule. Thou be-  
C.iiij. ing



## The Alphabet

ing a Lambe as whyte as  
Snowe, the vanquisher of  
Sathans tyrannie, giue vn-  
to mee (thy little one, ) the  
Strength and vertue of thy  
Spirite, that beeing of my  
selfe weake and feeble, but  
in thee strong and valiaunt,  
I may withstand and ouer-  
come all assaultes of temp-  
tation, so that my ghostlye  
enemie the Deuill maye not  
gloze ouer me, but being a  
conquerour thoroowe thee, I  
maye giue thanks to thy  
mercie,

of prayers.

mercie, which neuer leauest  
him destitute that putteth  
his trust in thee, who lyuest  
and raignest God for euer  
without ende. Amen.

When thou shalt re-  
ceiue the Communi-  
on, say thus.

**O** Lord and Saviour  
Iesu Christ, who in  
thy last Supper w  
thine Apostles diddest giue  
vnto them in a sacrament,  
thine

## • The Alphabet

thine owne bodie and bloud,  
to be the fode of their soules:  
Graunt me I beseeche thee,  
euer stedfastly to beleue, and  
kindely to acknowledge thy  
infinite and Almighty po-  
wer, and thine incompre-  
hensible loue towarde mee,  
and that I maye alwayes  
worthily receyue the same  
blessed sacrament and me-  
moriall of thy death, accor-  
ding to thy holy ordinaunce,  
that it may worke in me in-  
crease of all Godlinesse, in  
vntitie

of prayers.

vnitie of Spirite, with thee  
our heade, and by thee and  
thy spirite, with all the com-  
pany of them that be trulye  
thine, which be thy spiritual  
and mysticall bodie, and my  
spirituall and Christen bre-  
thren. Heare me my Sau-  
our and my Christ, for thy  
names sake. Amen.

After the Commu-  
nion, say thus.

**O** Lorde Iesu Chryste,  
whiche hast vouches-  
safe

## The Alphabet

safe spirituallye to giue vnto  
me in these holye myste-  
ries, thy bodie and bloude :  
mortifie whatsoeuer is euill  
in me, and garnish me with  
thy merites & vertues, that  
thou mayest delight to abide  
and dwell in me. Keneue my  
sprite, my soule and my bo-  
dy, with the excellent grace,  
that I maye be made lyke  
vnto thy holye humanitie,  
frame me after thine owne  
hearts desire, knit me vnto  
thee most nerely, that I may  
be



of prayers.

be chaunged altogether into  
thee . And graunt that I  
may doe nothing, speake no-  
thing, nor desire nothinge  
but that which maye be ac-  
ceptable vnto thee , which  
art my God, my Sauour,  
and Redēmer, to whome  
with the Father and  
holy Ghost, be all  
honor & glorie  
for euer and  
euer. A-  
men.



*The*

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*The fift Psalme,*  
for the remission  
of Sinnes.

**A** Almighty God, Lord  
of Lordes, great and  
dreadful is thy name  
which by thy Worde hast  
made both heauen & earth,  
and all things contayned in  
them.

All thinges be vnder thy  
dominion & rule, both man  
and beast, and all other ly-  
uing

of prayers.

uing Creatures, and thou  
hast compassion on whom it  
pleaseth thee.

Against thee holy Father,  
against thee haue I sinned  
and done euill: I haue bene  
an offender euen from my  
Cradell, and since I sucked  
my Mothers breasts I haue  
not ceased to doe euill.

But what am I (Lorde)  
that I dare speake to thee: I  
am thy poore Creature, and  
a wo:me most abiect.

Beholde Lorde, I haue  
naught,

## The Alphabet

naught, and of my self I am  
naught, thou art only good,  
righteous and holy, thou or-  
derest all things, thou giuest  
all things, and thou fulfillest  
all things with goodnesse.

Beholde, I am thine (O  
righteous Father,) and one  
of them whome thy onely  
deare sonne hath redeemed:  
and of thee, which art iudge  
of all men, I aske mercy.

Cast not away (O Lord)  
a contrite & penitent heart,  
humbly calling vppon thee:  
but

of prayers.

but turne the eyes of thy  
mercy towards me, and for-  
giue mee the sinnes of my  
youth.

Cast not thy darts at me,  
no: lay not thy heavy hande  
vppon me, O Lorde, for I  
haue borne thine anger a  
long whyle, and of the cup  
of thy displeasure haue I  
drunke very deepe.

Cast me not awaye from  
thy p[re]sence, neyther take  
thou thy holy Spirit from  
me: but giue mee the com-

F. j.

fort



## The Alphabet

fort of thy helpe, and stablish  
me in thy truth.

Destroy me not (O mer-  
cifull Father) bicause of  
mine iniquitie : but be thou  
mercifull vnto mee for thy  
Sonue Iesus Chrestes sake.

Destroye me not vtterly,  
nor leave me in my sinnes :  
for thou arte a God full of  
mercy, and very gracious to  
them which trust in thee.

Daylie, sorrow ouercom-  
meth me, and sadnesse pos-  
selleth my heart : I looke for

a

of prayers.

a time of health; but my  
griefe continueth still.

Enter not Lorde into  
iudgement with thy Ser-  
uant: for if thou accuse mee,  
I shall neuer be quite; and  
if thou marke my sinne and  
iniquitie, no man shall deli-  
uer me.

Except thou helpe mee of  
thy goodnesse and mercye:  
how may I which haue of-  
fended thee, bee rayled vp  
from my sinnes:

Even of thee therefore (O

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holp

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holy Father) which art the  
God of mercie, I wretched  
sinner doe aske mercy: and  
for the glory of thy name, be  
no longer angry with me.

For as thou art God, so  
art thou gracious and mer-  
ciful, and patiently suffe-  
rest sinners, and wouldest  
that no man should perish:  
but that all men shoulde  
turne to penance.

For albeit that no man is  
able to beare the punish-  
ment, which thou dost threa-  
ten

of prayers. |

ten against Sinners : yet  
thy mercie, which thou hast  
promised, is great and vn-  
searchable.

Forgiue for thy names  
sake (O Lorde almightie)  
all my sinnes : and put out  
of thy sight all mine offen-  
ces.

Giue mee a newe heart,  
and take from mee all wic-  
ked desires : that I may e-  
uermore know, what thing  
is acceptable in thy sight.

Giue light (O Lorde) to  
F.iii. mine

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mine eyes, that I sleepe not  
in death: & then my finnes  
shall not preuaile agaynst  
mee.

Graunt me (holp Father)  
that I may euer desire, and  
will that, which is moſte  
pleasaunt and acceptable in  
thy sight: and that I haue  
no desire to will, or not to  
will, but as thou wilt.

Glorie be to the Father,  
and to the ſonne. &c.

As it was in the begin-  
ning, is now. &c.

The



of prayers.

The Versicle.

Cut Lozde my sacke of so-  
rowe in peeces.

The Aunswere.

And cloth mee with glad-  
nesse.

¶ The prayer.

**A** Almighty and moſte  
mercifull Father, I  
wretched ſinner moſte  
humbley beſeeche thee, that  
thou of thy goodneſſe wylte  
not remember the offences  
¶.iij. of

## The Alphabet

of my youth, but that according to the greatnesse of thy mercy, thou wilt turne from mee the payne, that I haue iustlye deserved for sinne, and that by thy grace I may (while I am in this vale of misery) evermore be renewed in the spirit of my minde, that a pure life maye alwayes appere in mee. Amen



The

of prayers.

*The sixt Pſalme,*  
wherein he desireth  
to be heard of God.

**H**ow long (O Lord)  
shall my minde bee  
troubled with pain-  
full sorowes and heauye  
thoughts: how long shall care-  
full cares torment my hart:  
How long (O God) wilt  
thou reſect my prayers whi-  
ch daylie I poure out before  
thee: wilt thou Lord heare  
me

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me at no time, or wilt thou  
now cease to shew mercy?

Hast thou O Lorde cast  
me awayne for ever, or wilt  
thou neuer hereafter be plea-  
sed with me? Thy hand is  
not weakened, but it maye  
help, and thine eares be not  
stopped, that they refuse to  
heare.

I beseeche thee, O righte-  
ous Father, for Iesus Chri-  
stes sake, that the sighings  
and inwarde desires of my  
heart, may moue & encline  
thee

of prayers.

thee to heare mee.

I haue bene an vntrue  
and frowarde childe to thee,  
I haue not feared thee, nor  
shewed due reuerence vnto  
thee, but haue bene cuer dis-  
obedient and stubbozne a-  
gainst thee.

I am in prison and bound  
in fetters of sorrowe: till  
thou with thy gracious pre-  
sence vouchsafe to visit me,  
and bringe me againe to li-  
bertie and ioy.

Keepe thy mercie therfore  
fo:



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for mee alwayes O Lorde :  
and the couenaunt whiche  
thou hast made with me, let  
it be surely perfourmed.

Keape me Lord fro sinne,  
and I shall then dreade nei-  
ther death nor Hell : and as  
thou alwayes hast bene mer-  
cifull to penitent sinners, so  
now good Lorde forgive my  
sinnes.

Keape my heart in thee,  
and then shall I reioyce in  
thy mercie : for that thou  
hast looked on mee and hast  
regar-

of prayers.

regarded my soule in my  
great distresse.

Let mee neuer hereafter  
goe away from thy wayes :  
no: leaue mee not nowe in  
the daopenesse of my trou-  
bles.

Loe, now be the dayes of  
helth and grace, now is the  
accepted time : for in death  
who shall remember thee,  
O Lorde : or in Hell who  
shall prayse thee.

Lorde behold therfore my  
weakenesse and fraylenesse,  
best

## The Alphabet

best knowne vnto thee : and  
loke downe from Heauen  
vpon the sorrow and beaut-  
nesse of me thy poore creature.

My lyfe is as it were in  
the middelt of fierce Lions :  
whose teeth are lyke vnto  
speares, and the sharpenesse  
of them lyke vnto the sting  
of Scorpions.

Mollifie my hart, O Lord  
God, that I maye returne  
to thee, and walke in all thy  
wayes : for I haue wandred  
ouer long in the way of sin-  
ners.                      Make

of prayers.

Make a perpetuall league  
and couenaunt with mee,  
that thou wilt put thy feare  
into my heart : that I neuer  
swaue from thee againe.

No man may so hide him-  
selfe from thee, but that thou  
mayest see him : who doest  
fullill both Heauen & earth.

Neuerthelesse I wil speak  
vnto thee, and will not holde  
my peace, so long as the  
breath is in my mouth : but  
still shall call on thee for thy  
mercie.

Nothing

## The Alphabet

Nothing is able to resist  
thy power, thy mercie is a-  
boue all thy workes : and  
thou art gracious and mer-  
cifull to them whiche dili-  
gently obserue and kepe thy  
lawes.

¶ **O** Lorde my prayers bee  
euer vnto thee, let thine an-  
ger be turned from me, that  
I maye finde fauour in thy  
sight.

¶ **O** Lorde looke thou not  
vppon the hardenesse of my  
heart : but lyke as thou hast  
many



of prayers.

many times shewed mercy:  
so now be merciful and for-  
giue that I haue offended  
thée.

O Lorde my God, which  
tenderly louest mankinde, &  
art a most rightfull Iudge,  
spare me I beseech thée: and  
shewe on me the abundance  
of thy mercie.

Glorie bee to the Father,  
and to the Sonne, and to  
the holy ghost.

As it was in the begin-  
ning, is now. &c.

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The Versicle.

Turne not thine eyes from  
me O Lorde.

The Aunswere.

But teach mee to doe that  
is pleasant in thy sight.

¶ The Collect.

O Mercifull God, which  
by thy Sonne Christ  
hast taught vs to call  
on thee in our necessity, giue  
me grace, I beseeche thee, to  
acknowledge mine owne  
infirmities and weakenesse,  
that

of prayers.

that I depending on thy  
mercifull goodnesse, maye  
(with a strong and stedfast  
saith) continuallye call on  
thee with a true repentaunt  
heart, for thy grace, mercy,  
and pardon, that after this  
corruptible lyfe, I maye  
behold thee in thy ever-  
lasting glory, where  
thou reignest God  
everlasting.

Amen.



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### ¶ The Prayer.

**O** Lozde our God, thou  
that broughtest thy  
people out of the lande  
of Egypte with a mightie  
hande, with tokens & won-  
ders, with thy great power  
and stretched out arme. Be-  
fore thee, O Lord my God,  
haue I sinned with my fore-  
fathers, and haue done wic-  
kedlye, behauing my selfe  
vngodly in all thy righteous-  
nesse. Turne thy wrathe  
from

of prayers.

from mee, O Lorde, & heare  
my Prayers and Petitions  
for thine owne sake : and  
bring me home againe whi-  
che long haue bene astraye,  
that they y<sup>e</sup> hate thy name,  
maye knowe that thou arte  
the Lord my God, and that  
I haue called on thy name.  
O Lorde looke downe vpon  
mee thy poore creature, in-  
cline thine eare & heare me,  
for the deade that be gone  
downe to their graues, and  
whose soules are out of their  
Gall. bo.



## The Alphabet

bodies, ascribe vnto thee, O  
Lorde, neyther prayse nor  
righteous making: but the  
soule that is viced for the  
multitude of hir Sinnes,  
which goeth on heauily and  
weakely, whose eyes, begin  
to fayle, yea such a soule (O  
Lorde) ascribeth prayse and  
righteousnesse vnto thee. I  
therefore, O heauenly Fa-  
ther, require mercye in thy  
sight, not for anye goodnesse  
that is in mee, but for the  
merites of thy deare Sonne  
Jesus

of prayers.

Jesus Chyistes sake, to whō  
with thee and the holpe  
Ghost, be laude and  
praysse for euer:  
more. A  
men.

*The seuenth Psal.*  
for the obteyning of  
Godly wise  
dome.

**R**eserue me O God  
for in thee doe I  
trust: let thy wise  
G.iiiij. dome

## The Alphabet

dome rule and guyde my  
thoughts, that they may al-  
wayes praise thee.

Put thy Worde in my  
mouth, and fasten thy wise-  
dome in my heart : that o-  
t'her also may be conuerted  
vnto thee.

Pluck me from mine hei-  
nous offences, and heale my  
soule which hath offended,  
O God : that I may be free  
from the guilt of my trans-  
gression.

Quicken me (O Lorde,)   
as

of prayers.

as thou art wont to doe thy  
chosen : and let thy hande  
direct my waies, that I may  
walke in thy statutes.

Quicken me, that I maye  
liue and keepe thy wordes,  
that my soule maye prayse  
thee, & that thy iudgements  
may helpe mee.

Quicken mee also with  
thy louing kindenesse : and  
so shall I keepe the testimo-  
nies of thy mouth.

Remember mee, O Lord,  
for thy goodnesse sake : and  
for

## The Alphabet

for the great loue that thou  
bearest towarde me.

Remember that thou hast  
made me of the earth : and  
that I shall returne into the  
dust of death.

Remoue me therfore good  
Lorde from the waye of sin-  
ners : and strengthen mee  
with the power of thy right  
hande.

Shewe me thy wayes, O  
Lorde, and sende forth the  
hote flames of thy loue, to  
burne and consume the fan-  
tasies



of prayers.

tasies of my minde.

Satisfie me with thy mercy, and that soone : so shall I bee glad and reioyce in thee all the dayes of my life.

Shewe now good Lorde, and declare thy goodnesse vnto me : send downe from Heauen the spirite of wisdom, & replenishe my heart with knowledge thereof.

Thou fulfillest the desires of them that feare thee : and hearest the Prayers of them that call on thee with their whole

## The Alphabet

whole hart.

Thou ledestt freight in  
thy iudgements; them that  
be mylde and tractable: and  
teachest them that be meeke  
thy wordes and Testimo-  
nies.

Thou holdest vp all them  
which else shoulde fall: and  
all that are fallen, thou lif-  
test vp againe.

Up Lorde and helpe thy  
seruaunt, thou art my hope  
and refuge, thou arte my  
stronge Holde and Castle:  
foz

of prayers.

for thy names sake lead and  
guide me.

Verily, if thou shew me  
thy goodnesse and manifold  
mercies, I shall flourish as  
the Olive tree that bringeth  
forth fruit in due season.

Verily my soule hath spe-  
ciall respecte vnto thee, O  
Lord, for that my health, my  
strength, & my glory, com-  
meth from thee.

Which hast saued my life  
from destruction, and shew-  
ed me thy grace & mercy.

Which

## The Alphabet


Which hast satisfied my  
desire with good things: and  
shalt once restore to mee my  
youth againe.

Wherefore, to thee most  
louing Lorde, and for these  
thy mercies, I offer to thee  
the Sacrifice of laude and  
praise: giuing thee thanks  
nowe and euermore, worlde  
without ende. Amen.

Lorde haue mercy  
Christ haue mercy } vpo me  
Lorde haue mercy }

Dure

of prayers.

 We Father which  
arte in Heauen, ha-  
lowed be thy name.

Thy kingdome come. Thy  
will be done in earth as it is  
in Heauen. Giue vs this  
daye our daylie breade. And  
forgiue vs our trespases, as  
we forgieue them that tres-  
passe against vs. And leade  
vs not into temptatiō. But  
deliuer vs from euill. For  
thine is the kingdome, the  
power, and the glozy, for e-  
uer and euer. Amen.

The



The Alphabet

The Versicle.

Destroy me not, O Lord,  
for my sinnes.

The Aunswere.

Neither reserue eternall  
punishment for them.

¶ The Prayer.

**M**ost righteous God,  
for thy greate mer-  
cies sake, hearken to  
these my humble Prayers,  
which I make before thee:  
I consider mercifull Lord,  
th

of prayers.

the desire and thought of  
my hart. Let my lowde cry-  
ings come vnto thee, and let  
my vnfeyned prayers enter  
into thine eares. Heare mee  
O Lorde, for I am destitute  
of thy helpe. Take care for  
my soule, saue me thy Ser-  
uaunt, which wholly trust in  
thee. Haue mercie, O Lord,  
haue mercie vpon mee, for I  
will neuer cease crying to  
thee for thy help and mercy.  
In the day time will I call  
on thee, and in the night my  
H. J. crie

## The Alphabet

crie shall not be hidde from thee. O thou God of the Heauens, the maker of the Waters, and Lorde of all Creatures, heare me a most wretched sinner calling on thee, and take away from me all my sinnes, and make stedfast my sayth and confidence in thy mercifull promises, that I putting my trust in them, maye haue as thou hast promised, euerlasting life, throow Christ Iesus thy Sonne our Lorde. Amen. An

of prayers.

An other prayer.

**O** Lorde and Heauenlye  
Father, plant in mee  
true obedience to thy  
holy lawes, and to my So-  
ueraigne & gracious Ladye  
Quene Elizabeth, whome  
thou hast set to reigne ouer  
mee. And let not the cares of  
this world deceiue me. Keep  
mee also good Lord, from all  
uncleane desires, and graunt  
mee thy grace, to walke be-  
foze thee all the dayes of this  
H. ii. my

## The Alphabet

my Pilgrimage, with good  
conscience and pure minde,  
that when thou shalt ap-  
peare to reward every man  
according to his deedes, I  
may receiue at thy hand the  
reward of one that hath not  
bene ashamed of thee in this  
life. O Lorde increase my  
faith, increase my loue, in-  
crease in mee a sure hope of  
my saluation: O Lorde my  
Saviour increase strength  
in mee to overcome sinne, &  
to stande against all temp-  
tations:



of prayers.

tations: let thy holy Angell  
alwayes keepe and conduct  
me, that I may evermore be  
thankfull vnto thee in  
Christ Iesu our  
Lorde,  
to whome with thee and  
the holy Ghost, be all  
honor & glory for  
euer and euer  
Amen.



V. li. ¶ Here

The Letanie.

¶ Here followeth  
the Letanie with  
certaine other God-  
ly Prayers.

**O** God the Father of  
Heauen: haue mer-  
cie vpon vs misera-  
ble Sinners.

O God the Father of Heauen:  
haue mercie vpon vs miserable  
Sinners.

**O** God the Sonne, Re-  
deemer of the World: haue  
mer-

## The Letanie.

mercic vpon vs miserable  
Sinners.

O God the Sonne, redeemer of  
the Worlde: haue mercy vpon vs  
miserable sinners.

O God the holye Ghost,  
proceeding from the Father  
and the Sonne: haue mercy  
vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the holy Ghost procee-  
ding from the Father and the  
Sonne: haue mercie vpon vs mise-  
rable Sinners.

O Holy, blessed, and glo-  
rious Trinitie, three persons  
V.iiiij. and

## The Letanie.

and one God : haue mercie  
vpō vs miserable Sinners.

O Holy , blessed and glorious  
Trinitie, three Persons and one  
God: haue mercie vpon vs misera-  
ble Sinners.

Remember not Lord our  
offences, nor the offences of  
oure Forerathers, neyther  
take thou vengeance of our  
sinnes, spare vs good Lorde,  
spare thy people whom thou  
hast redeemed with thy most  
precious bloude, and be not  
angry with vs for euer.

Spare vs good Lorde.

## The Letanie.

From all euill and mischiefe, from sinne, from the craftes and assaults of the Deuill, from thy wrath, and from euerlasting damnation.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

From blindenesse of heart, from pride, vaine glorie, and Hypocrisie, from enuie, hatred and malice, and all vncharitablenesse.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

From fornication, and all other deadlie sinne, & from  
all



## The Letanie.

all the decepts of the world,  
the flesh and the Deuill.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

From lightning & tempest,  
from plague, pestilence and  
famine, from battayle and  
murther, & frō sodein death.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

From all sedition and pri-  
uie consptacie, from al false  
doctrine and heresie, from  
hardnesse of hart, and con-  
tempt of thy Worde, and  
commaundement.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

By

**I he Letanie.**

**By the misterie of thy holy  
incarnation, by thy holy na-  
tiuitie and circumcision, by  
thy baptisme, fasting, and  
temptation.**

**Good Lorde deliuer vs.**

**By thine agony and bloudy  
sweate, by thy Crosse and  
Passion, by thy precious  
death and burfall, by thy  
glorious Resurrection and  
Ascension, and by the com-  
ming of the holy Ghost.**

**Good Lorde deliuer vs.**

**In al time of our tribulati-  
on,**

## The Letanie.

on, in all time of our welth,  
in the houre of death and in  
the day of iudgement.

Good Lorde deliuer vs.

We sinners doe beseech thee  
to heare vs, O Lorde God,  
and that it maye please thee  
to rule and gouerne thy ho-  
lye Church vniuersallye, in  
the right way.

We beseeche thee to heare vs  
good Lorde.

That it maye please thee to  
keepe and strengthen in the  
true worshipping of thee, in  
righte.

**The Letanie.**

righteousnesse and holinesse  
of life, thy Seruant Eliza-  
beth, our moste gracious  
Queene and gouernour.

We beseeche thee to heare vs  
good Lorde.

That it maye please thee to  
rule hir heart in thy faith,  
feare, and loue, and that she  
maye euermore haue assi-  
aunce in thee, and euer sake  
thy honour and glorie.

We beseeche thee to heare vs  
good Lorde.

That it maye please thee to  
be

**The Letanie.**

be his defender and keeper,  
giuing him the victorie ouer  
all his enemies.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thee to  
illuminate all Bishoppes,  
Pastours and Ministers of  
the Church, with true know-  
ledge and vnderstanding of  
thy worde, and that both by  
their preaching and liuing  
they may set it forth, & shew  
it accordingly.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thee to  
endue



The Letanie.

endue the Lords of y<sup>e</sup> Counsell, and all the Nobilitie, with grace, wisdom, and vnderstanding.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thee to blesse and keepe the Magistrates, giuing them grace to execute iustice, & to maintaine truth.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thee to blesse & keepe all thy people.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thee to  
giue

## The Letanie.

giue to all nations , vnitie,  
peace and concorde.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

That it maye please thee to  
giue vs an heart to loue and  
dread thee, and diligently to  
liue after thy commaunde-  
ments.

We beseech thee to heare vs. &c.

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giue to all thy people in-  
crease of grace , to heare  
meekely thy Worde, and to  
receiue it with pure affecti-  
on, and to bring forth the  
fruites

**The Letanie.**

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all such as haue erred and  
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The Letanie.

That it maye please thee to  
succour, helpe, and comfort  
all that be in daunger, ne-  
cessitie and tribulation.

We beseech thee to heare vs.&c.

That it maye please thee to  
preserue all that traueyle by  
lande or by water, all wo-  
men labouring of childe, all  
sicke Persons and yonge  
children, and to shewe thy  
pitie vpon all prisoners and  
captiues.

We beseech thee to heare vs.&c.

That it maye please thee to  
defende,

## The Letanie.

defende and prouide for the  
fatherlesse children and wi-  
dowes, and all that be deso-  
late and oppressed.

We beseech thee to heare vs.&c.

That it maye please thee to  
haue mercy vpon all men.

We beseech thee to heare vs.&c.

That it maye please thee to  
forgiue our enimies, perse-  
cutors and slanderers, and  
to turne their hearts.

We beseech thee to heare vs.&c.

That it maye please thee to  
giue and preserve to our vse

J. ti. the

## The Letanie.

the kindly frutes of y<sup>e</sup> earth,  
so as in due time we maye  
enioy them.

We beseech thee to heare vs.&c.

That it may please thee to  
giue vs true repentance, to  
forgiue vs all our sinnes,  
negligences & ignoꝛances, &  
to endue vs with the grace  
of thy holy spirite, to amend  
oure liues according to thy  
holy worde.

We beseech thee to heare vs.&c.

Sonne of God : we beseech  
thee to heare vs.

Sonne

## The Letanie.

Sonne of God : we beseech thee  
to heare vs.

¶ Lambe of God that takest  
away the sinnes of the  
worlde.

Craunt vs thy peace.

¶ Lambe of God y takest  
away y sinnes of the world.

Haue mercie vpon vs.

¶ Christ heare vs.

O Christ heare vs.

¶ Lorde haue mercy vpon vs.

Lorde haue mercie vpon vs.

¶ Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

Christ haue mercie vpon vs.

¶.iii. Lorde

**The Letanie.**

**Loꝛde haue mercie vpon vs.**

**Lorde haue mercie vpon vs.**

**Our Father which. &c.**

**And leade vs not into  
temptation.**

**But deliuer vs from euill. Amen.**

**The Versicle.**

**O Loꝛde deale not with  
vs after our sinnes.**

**The Aunswere.**


**Neither reward vs after  
our iniquities.**

**Let**



## The Letanie.

Let vs pray.

 God mercifull Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowfull, mercifull ye assist our Prayers, that we make before thee, in all our troubles and aduersities, whensoever they oppresse vs, & graciously heare vs, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the Deuill or man worketh against  
I.iiii. gainst

## The Letanie.

gainst vs , bee brought to  
naught , and by the proui-  
dence of thy goodnesse they  
maye bee dispersed, that wee  
thy seruants being hurt by  
no persecutions, maye euer  
more giue thanks vnto thee  
in thy holy Church, thoro  
w  
Jesus Chriſt our Lorde.

O Lord, arise, helpe vs, and de-  
liuer vs for thy names sake.

O God we haue heard with  
our eares, and our Fathers  
haue declared vnto vs the  
noble works that thou didst  
in

## The Letanie.

in their dayes, and in the old  
time befoze them.

O Lord, arise, helpe vs, and de-  
liuer vs for thine honour.

Glozy be to the Father, and  
to the Sonne, and to the ho-  
ly Ghost.

As it was in the begin-  
ning, is now, and euer shall  
bee, wo:ld without ende.  
Amen.

From oure enemies de-  
fende vs, O Christ.

Graciously looke vpon our af-  
flictions.

Pitt-

## The Letanie.

Pitifully beholde the sor-  
rowes of our harts.

Mercifully forgiue the sinnes of  
thy people.

Faourably with mercie  
heare our pꝛayers.

O Sonne of Dauid haue mercie  
vpon vs.

Both now & euer bouch-  
safe to heare vs, O Christ.

Graciously heare vs, O Christ.  
Graciously heare vs O Lord Christ

## The Versicle.

O Lorde let thy mercy be  
shewed vpon vs.

The

The Letanie.

The Aunswere.

As we doe put our trust  
in thee.

Let vs praye:

**W**e humblye beseeche  
thee, O Father,  
mercifullye to looke  
vpon our infirmities, & for  
the glory of thy names sake,  
turne from vs al those euils  
that we moste righteouslye  
haue deserued, and graunt  
that in all our troubles we  
may



## The Letanie.

may put our whole trust &  
confidence in thy mercy and  
euermore serue thee in holy-  
nesse & purenesse of liuing,  
to thy honour and glozie,  
thorowe our onely Media-  
tour and Aduocate Iesus  
Christ our Lorde. Amen.

## ¶ The prayer.

**O** Lorde almightie, God  
of Israell, our soules  
that are in trouble, and  
Spirites, that be vexed, crie  
vnto

## The Letanie.

unto thee: heare vs O Lord  
and haue pittie vpon vs, for  
thou art a mercifull God:  
bee gracious therefore vnto  
vs, for wee haue sinned be-  
fore thee. Thou endurest for-  
euer: shall we then vtterlye  
perishe? O Lorde almighty,  
thou God of Israell,  
heare now the prayers of  
vs wretched sinners, and  
yet thy creatures. We haue  
sinned before thee, and haue  
not hearkned vnto thy voice  
O Lord, for the which cause  
wee

The Letanie.

wee are worthe to fall and  
suffer thy fatherly correctiō.  
Yet we mosse humblye be-  
sech thy goodnesse not to re-  
member our wickednesse,  
nor the wickednesse of oure  
forefathers, but thinke vpon  
thy power and name, now  
at this time, for thou arte  
the Lorde our God, and thee  
our Lorde will wee prayse,  
for thou hast put thy feare  
in our heartes, to the intent  
that we shoulde call vppon  
thy name, and praise thee,  
and

The Letanie.

and turne from the wicked-  
nesse of oure Forcfathers :  
heare vs, O Lorde, for thy  
deare Sonne Iesus Christs  
sake. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for the  
Queene.

**O** Lorde Iesa Christ,  
most highe, moste  
mightie, God euer-  
lasting, King of Kinges,  
Lorde of Lordes, the onely  
ruler

## The Letanie.

ruler of Princes, the verie  
Sonne of God, on whose  
right hande sitting doest frō  
thy throne beholde all the  
dwellers vpon carth: with  
most lowly heart I beseeche  
thee, vouchsafe with fauou-  
rable regarde, to behold our  
moste gracious souereigne  
Ladie Quene Elizabeth,  
and so replenishe hir with  
the grace of thy holy spirite,  
that she may alway incline  
to thy will, and walke in  
thy waye: keepe hir farre  
of



## The Letanie.

of from ignorance, and tho-  
row thy gifte let prudence  
and knowledge alwaye a-  
bunde in hir royall heart :  
so instructe hir O Lorde,  
reigning vpon vs in earth,  
that hir humaine Maiestie,  
alwaye obey thy diuine ma-  
iestie in feare and dread. In-  
due hir plentifullye with  
Heauenlye giftes. Graunt  
hir in helth and welch long  
to liue. Heape glorie and  
honour vppon hir. Glad hir  
with the ioye of thy counte-  
nauce.

The Lctanie.

naunce. So strengthen hir,  
that she maye vanquish and  
ouercome all hir enimies,  
and be Dreade and feared of  
them: and finally after this  
life, I besech thee good Lord,  
that she maye attaine ever-  
lasting ioy & felicitie, where  
thou reïgneest God with  
the Father and the  
holy Ghost,  
Amen.



## The Letanie.

¶ A prayer.

O Heauenlyc Father and  
mercifull God, whiche  
of thy onely goodnesse hast  
created and made vs, vnto  
thy owne similitude & lyke-  
nesse, we heartily pray and  
beseeche thee remember not  
our vnrightheousnesse, ney-  
ther suffer y these greuous  
plagues to depende ouer vs.  
Wee haue sinned and gre-  
uously displeased thee, yet  
we besech thee of thy mercy,  
K. li. be.

## The Letanie.

beringlye to beholde vs thy  
vnworthie childezen, for wee  
doe not prostrate our selues  
before thy face in prayse of  
our owne righteousness,  
but in the multitude of thy  
mercies: wherefore, Lord &  
holy Father, be thou blessed  
now and euer, for that thou  
hast created all thinges, and  
hatest nothing that thou  
hast made. Wee humblye  
therefore beseeche thee, most  
holy Father, no more to be  
angry with vs, but to turne  
thy

## The Letanie.

thy wrath from vs, & kindle  
in vs the loue of thy holpe  
spirite. Breake our stonye  
hearts (O Lord) and make  
them fleshye heartes, that  
we may feare thee, loue thee,  
and haue pleasure in thee.  
Graunt vs also mercifull  
Father, a true vnderstan-  
ding of thy word, that ther-  
by we maye knowe, that is  
to be knowen, & that to loue  
that is to bee loued, that to  
desire that pleaseth thee, that  
to regarde that is precious

℞. iij. In



The Letanie.

in thy sight, and that to re-  
fuse that is euill before thee.  
Suffer vs not, O Lorde, to  
iudge thy misteries, after  
our outwarde senses, ney-  
ther to giue sentence after  
the hearing of the ignorant,  
but that we by thy holy spi-  
rite maye alwayes discern  
thinges spirituall. Giue vs  
also holy Father, a sorrow-  
full and penitent heart, that  
we may humbly serue thee,  
in holynesse and righteous-  
nesse all the dayes of oure  
liues,

The Letanie.

lines, that after our departing  
this miserable life,  
we may attayne  
eternall  
life.


Graunt this deare Father,  
for thy deare Sonne Iesus  
Christes sake, to whom  
with thee, and the holpe  
Ghost, be giuen all  
honor, and glory  
for euer and  
euer. Amen.

℞. lxxxj.

¶ A

## The Letanie

¶ A prayer to be sayde in  
the time of extreame  
sickenesse.

 **L**orde Iesus, which  
art the only helth of  
all men lyving, and  
the everlastinge life of them  
which die in thy fayth. I  
wretched Sinner giue and  
submit my selfe wholye vnto  
thy blessed will. And I  
being sure y<sup>e</sup> the thing can  
not perishe which is com-  
mitted vnto thy mercy, wil-  
lingly

## The Letanie

lingly therefore beseeche thee  
moste mercifull Lorde Iesu  
Christ, that thou wilt by thy  
grace make strong my soule  
against all temptations, and  
that thou wilt couer and de-  
fende mee with the buckler  
of thy mercy, against all the  
assaultes of the Deuill, I  
see and acknowledge that  
there is in my selfe no hope  
of saluatiō, but all my hope,  
confidence, and trust, is in  
thy mercye. I haue no me-  
rites nor good workes which

## The Letanie.

I may alledge before thee:  
of sinnes and euill workes  
(alas O Lord) I see a great  
heape, but yet throwe thy  
mercie I trust to be in the  
number of them that shall  
be saued, to whome thou  
wilt not impute their sinnes  
but take the to everlasting  
life. Thou Lord wast borne  
for my sake, thou didst suf-  
fer hunger and thirst for my  
sake, thou diddest praye and  
fast for my sake: finally thou  
diddest all good workes and  
deedes



The Letanie.

deedes for my sake, & gauest  
thy mosse precious bodye to  
die, and thy blood to be shed  
on the Crosse for my sake.

Now therefore most merci-  
full Sauour, let all these  
good things profit me which  
thou freely hast giuen mee,  
that hast giuen thy selfe for  
me. Let thy blood wash and  
clense away the spottes and  
foulenesse of my sinnes, let  
thy righteousnesse hide & co-  
uer mine vnrightheousnesse,  
let the merits of thy passion  
and

## The Letanie.

and bloud be the satisfaction  
for my finnes. Giue mee O  
Lorde thy grace, & my faith  
and saluation in thy bloude  
waxer not in mee, but euer  
to be firme & constant, that  
the hope of thy mercy neuer  
decay in me, & charity waxe  
not colde in me: finally, that  
the weakenesse of my fleshe  
bee not overcome with the  
feare of death. Graunt also  
mercifull father, that when  
Death hath shut vp the eyes  
of my body, yet that the eyes  
of

## The Letanie.

of my soule may still behold  
& looke vpon thee, that when  
death hath taken away the  
vse of my tongue and spech,  
yet that my heart may crie  
and say vnto thee: O Lorde  
into thy handes I giue and  
commit my soule, and with  
thy holy martir Steuen be-  
holding thee in my Soule,  
maye saye: Lorde Iesu re-  
ceyue my soule vnto thee,  
which liuest and raigest  
God everlasting, with the  
Father and holy ghost.

¶ A

The Letanie.

A prayer of Chri-  
stome.

**A** Almighty God whi-  
che hast giuen vs  
grace at this time,  
with one accorde, to make  
our common supplications  
vnto thee, and doest promise  
that when two or three be  
gathered together in thy  
name, thou wilt graunt  
their requests, fulfil now O  
Lord, the desires and petici-  
ons of thy seruants as may  
be

The Letanie.

be most expedient for them,  
graunting vs in this worlde  
knowledge of the truth,  
and in the worlde to  
come, lyfe euer-  
lasting. A-  
men.

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The grace of our Lorde  
Jesus Christ, & the loue  
of God, and the fellowship  
of the holy Ghost, be with  
vs all euermore. Amen.

¶ For



## The Letanie.

¶ For raine, if the  
time require.

**G**od heauenlye Fa-  
ther, which by thy  
sonne Iesus Christ  
hast promised to all them  
that seeke thy Kingdome &  
the righteousness thereof,  
all things necessary to their  
bodilye sustenance: sende  
vs we beseeche thee, in this  
our necessitie, suche mode-  
rate rain and showers, that  
we may receyue the fruites  
of

The Letanie.

of the earth to our comfort,  
and to thy honour, thezowe  
Jesus Chzist our Lorde. A-  
men.

¶ For faire weather.

O Lorde God, which for  
the sinne of man didst  
once drowne all the  
world, except eight persons,  
and afterwarde of thy great  
mercie didst promise neuer  
to destroy it so againe : wee  
humbly beseech thee, that al-  
though wee for our iniqui-  
ties

L. j.

## The Letanie.

ties haue worthily deserued  
this plague of raine, & wa-  
ters, yet vpon our true re-  
pentance thou wilt sende  
vs such weather, whereby  
we may receyue the fruites  
of the earth in due season,  
and learne both by thy pu-  
nishment to amende our  
liues, and for thy clemencie  
to giue thee prayse and  
glory, thorow Ie-  
sus Christ our  
Lorde. A-  
men.

Euening

# Euening prayer.

¶ *The Antheme.*

**R** Emember not O Lorde  
mine offences, nor the  
offences of my forefathers,  
neyther take thou venge-  
aunce of my sinnes, spare  
me good Lord, whome thou  
hast redeemed with thy most  
precious bloude, and be  
not angrie with me  
for euer.

L. ii.

¶ *The*

## The Alphabet

### *The first Psalme* at Euening prayer.

**A**gainst thee O Lord,  
against thee, haue I  
sinned and done wic-  
kedly before thee: and thou  
seest also that mine iniquitie  
is great.

Beholde, good Lorde, I  
am solde vnder sinne, and  
in my selfe I finde no. that  
which is good.

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of prayers.

Comfort therefore (O  
Lorde) the soule of thy ser-  
uant : for vnto thee doe I  
lift vp my hart and minde.

Doe thou shew on me thy  
mercy, O Lorde : & graunt  
vnto me thy saluation.

Carely in the morning do  
I crie vnto thee : bicause of  
thy righteous iudgementes  
and mercie.

For thou Lorde art good  
and gracious, and of great  
mercie vnto all them that  
call vpon thee.

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## The Alphabet

Giue light vnto mine  
eyes, O Lorde, for I haue  
slept too long in death : and  
my sinnes haue preuayled  
against me.

He that liueth, O Lorde,  
he that liueth shall praise  
thee : and shall make thy  
mercie knowne.

In thy Tabernacle, O  
Lorde, I will dwell for e-  
uer: and my defence and co-  
uering shall bee vnder thy  
wings.

Glorie be to the father. &c.

The

of prayers.

## *The second Psalm*

**D**o deliver me from  
among the wicked :  
y I may giue thanks  
to thy holy name, and make  
my boast of thy praise.

Make all nations whome  
thou hast made, to reioyce  
and worship thee : that they  
may praise and glorifie thy  
name.

Nowe teach thou me, O  
Lord, that I may walke in  
thy truth : and knit my hart  
L. lili.      vnto

## The Alphabet

unto thee, that I may feare  
thy name.

O Lorde turne thee vnto  
mee, and haue mercie vpon  
me: giue thy strength vnto  
me and succour me.

Praised be thy name, O  
Lorde my God: for thou  
hast set thy glorie aboue all  
the heauens.

Quickē my soule O God,  
and all the powers thereof:  
that it may cleaue fast, and  
be ioyned to thee in ioyfull  
gladnesse of ghostlye rai-  
shings.

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things.

Regarde, O Lorde, the  
Prayer of thy seruant: and  
hide not thy face from me in  
the time of trouble.

Shewe some good token  
vpon me, that they that hate  
me maye see it and be asha-  
med: bicause thou, Lorde,  
hast holpen and comforted  
me.

Thou Lorde art good and  
gracious: and of great mer-  
cie, vnto all them which call  
vpon thee.

Vnto



## The Alphabet

Unto thee therefore, O  
Lord, will I perfourme my  
bowes : and I will giue  
thee thanks both nowe and  
euermore, worlde without  
ende. Amen.

## The Antheme.

Salue me good Lorde wa-  
king, and keepe me slee-  
ping, that I maye wake in  
Christ, and rest in peace.

## The Versicle.

Blessed be the name of the  
Lorde.

The

of prayers.

The Aunswere.

From this time forth for  
euermore.


The Collect.

**O** Lorde God, I beseeche  
thee to lighte my dark-  
nesse, and deliuer mee  
from al the daungers of this  
night, O mercifull Lorde,  
thorowe thy Sonne Iesus  
Christ, who liueth and reig-  
neth with thee in vnitie of y  
holy ghost, worlde without  
ende. Amen.

The

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*The third Psalme*

 Consider and heare mee, O Lorde my God, lighten y eyes of my soule, that I sleepe not in death. For if I be cast downe, they that trouble me will reioyce at it.

Defende me therefore, O God, from the waye of the vngodly: & out of the hande of the vnrighteous and cruell man, deliuer thou me.

Euen in thy feare doe I  
wo:

of prayers.

worship (O Lorde) towarde  
thy holye temple : be merci-  
full vnto mee, and heare the  
request of my hart.

For happie are they whi-  
che dwell in thy house , for  
they will alwayes be pray-  
sing thee (O God.)

Haue mercy on me, haue  
mercie on mee : euen as  
thou hast promised to them  
which doe loue thy name.

I will cal on thee, O Lord  
my strength : I will trust  
in thee, O thou horne of sal-  
uation :

## The Alphabet

uation: and in my trouble  
will I complaine vnto thee  
(O my God.)

Keepe thy seruauant there-  
fore, O Lorde, from pre-  
sumptuous sinnes, least they  
get the dominion ouer me:  
and so shall I bee vndefiled  
and innocent from the grea-  
test offence.

Let (I beseeche thee,) O  
Lorde, the wordes of my  
mouth, and the meditation  
of my heart, bee alwayes  
acceptable in thy sight, O  
Lord



of prayers.

Lord my God, my strength  
and my Redeemer.

Let my Prayers bee set  
forth in thy sight as the in-  
cense: and let the lifting  
up of my handes, bee  
an euening sa-  
crifice.

Glozy be to the father, and  
to the sonne, and to the holy  
ghost.

As it was in the begin-  
ning, is now, and euer shall  
be, worlde without ende. A-  
men.

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The Anthem.

**O** Lorde graunte me  
thy light, that I be-  
ing deliuered from  
the darkenesse of sinne, may  
come to y verie light, which  
is Christ.

Let vs pray.

Lord haue mercy bpō me.  
*Christ haue mercie vpon me.*

Lord haue mercy bpō me.  
Our Father which. &c.  
Turne thæ vnto me, O  
Lorde.

And

of prayers.

And shew on me the light  
of thy countenance.

The Versicle.

Lord heare my prayer.

The Answer.

And let my cry come vnto  
thee.

¶ The Collect.

[ Ighten my darckenesse  
I beseech thee O Lord,  
and by thy great mercie de-  
fende mee from all the pe-  
riles and daungers of this  
night, that after my sleepe  
I may safely awake, to the  
M. j. praise

## The Alphabet

praise & glorie of thy name,  
thorowe Christ thy Sonne  
our Lorde & Sauioꝝ. Amen.

Lorde haue mercy }  
Christ haue mercy } vpo me  
Lorde haue mercy }

## A Prayer.

**O** Moste glorious King,  
who art alwayes to be  
prayed, among thy ho-  
ly people, more than tongue  
or heart can expresse. I call  
on thy holye name, be thou  
therefoꝛe with mee, and foꝛ-  
take

of prayers.

take me not (O Lorde) my  
God: but in the day of iudge-  
ment vouchsafe (O blessed  
king,) to place me amonge  
thine elect and holy people.  
Amen.

¶ A prayer.

I In the midst of lyfe I am  
in death, to whome (O  
Lorde) shall I seeke for  
helpe, but to thee alone, who  
for my sinnes art iustly dis-  
pleased: O God most holy,  
O holpe mightie and moste  
mercifull Saviour: giue me  
M.ii. not



## The Alphabet

not ouer to the bitter paines  
of eternall death. Cast mee  
not off in my age, when my  
strength fayleth mee: for-  
sake me not O Lorde, shut  
not vp thine eares from my  
Prayers: Thou O Lorde  
which knowest the secrets  
of my hart, be mercifull vn-  
to mee, and forgieue my sin-  
nes, moste deare and  
blessed Sau-  
our. A-  
men.

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of prayers.

The Prayer.

**O** Merciful God and Hea-  
uenly Father, whether  
I sleepe or wake, liue, or die,  
I am alwayes thine.

Wherefore I beseech thee  
heartilye that thou wylte  
vouchsafe to take charge &  
care of mee, and not to suffer  
mee to perishe in the workes  
of darckenesse, but to kindle  
the light of thy countenance  
in my hart, that thy Godlye  
knowledge maye daylie in-  
crease in me, thorow a right  
M.ij. and

## The Alphabet

and pure sayth, and that I  
maye alwayes be founde to  
walke and liue after thy wil  
and pleasure, thoroowe Iesu  
Christ our Lord and Sau-  
our. Amen.

## A prayer for the Queene.

**H**eaually Father,  
G D D Almightye,  
whose Kingdome is  
euerlasting and power infi-  
nite, which of thy goodnesse  
hast vouchsafed to restore  
vnto vs of the Englishe na-  
tion

of prayers.

non y light of thy holy Gos-  
pell, by thy chosen seruaunt  
and Minister Elizabeth our  
most gracious Souereigne  
Ladie. I beseeche thee O  
good Lord so to rule hir hart,  
that she knowing thy will,  
may alwayes incline to doe  
the same effectuallye. And  
graunt that we hir Sub-  
iectes, duly considering hir  
Regall authoritie & power,  
which thou hast given hir,  
may trulye and faithfullye,  
serue, honour, and humbly  
M.iiiij. obey

## The Alphabet

obey hir in thee, and for thee,  
according as thou hast com-  
maunded vs in thy blessed  
and holy Worde. Thoro we  
Jesus Christ our Lorde, to  
whome with thee and the  
holy Ghost, be all ho-  
nor and glory, for  
euer and euer.

Amen.





of prayers.

**A Psalme and  
Prayer agaynst the  
enimies of the Catho-  
like Church.**

**A** Rise O Lorde, and  
stretche forth thine  
hande, the Heathen  
are fallen into thine Heri-  
tage : thy holye Temple  
haue they defiled, where-  
in thou hast put thy name,  
and made of it an heape of  
stones.

Beholde the deade bodies  
of

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of thy seruantes haue they  
giuen to the Fowles of the  
ayre, to be deuoured: and  
þ bones of thy Saints haue  
they consumed with fire.

Cruellye haue they (on  
euerie side) shedde like wa-  
ter the bloude of thy Faith-  
full: and haue despised to  
burie them.

Deceitfullye haue they  
crept into thine habitation:  
and with scorne and derisi-  
on, haue they (O Lorde)  
spoken against thee.

Euen

of prayers.

Euen in the middest of  
thy Temple haue they (O  
Lord) blasphemed thy name  
and haue not ceased to doe  
wickedly.

Forget not I beseech thee  
(O Lorde) how cruelly this  
wicked people haue deuou-  
red Iacob thy chosen : and  
layde waste thy dwelling  
place.

Giue glorie therefore to  
thy name (O God euerla-  
stinge) and let the venge-  
ance of thy seruants bloud  
which

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which is shedde, be openlye  
shewed vpon the wicked in  
our sight, that we thy peo-  
ple and sheepe of thy pasture  
may ioyfully say: blessed be  
our God Iehoua, for euer  
and euer.

## The Versicle.

Lord utterly destroy thine  
enemie.

## The Aunswere.

Which hath polluted thy  
sanctuarie.

The

of prayers.

The Prayer.

**D**Eliuer thou vs, O Lord  
from these vngodly and  
stiffnecked persons, for thou  
seest, that in their heartes  
they imagine mischief, and  
haue pleasure to eate vp and  
deuoure thy chosen. Their  
tongues be more sharp than  
the sting of Adders, and vn-  
der their lippes, lurketh  
poyson. But O mercifull  
Lorde, let vs not fall into  
their handes least they han-  
dle vs after their owne lust.

Look



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Looke downe from heauen  
thy habitation we beseeche  
thee, on thy dispersed sheepe,  
and strengthen our weak-  
nesse against their furious  
rages : Abate their pryde,  
asswage their malice, con-  
founde their deuises, where-  
with they lift vp themselves  
against Christ Iesus thy  
Sonne our Lorde.

Wee bee not able of our  
selues to stand against their  
assaultes, except thy unde-  
serued grace & mighty arme  
defend

of prayers.

defend and deliuer vs. Per-  
forme therfore thy promises  
made to Iacob thy seruant,  
and stop the mouthes of thy  
cursed enimies. Call to re-  
pentaunce thy sillie shéepe,  
and forgiue all those that  
wilfully and obstinately re-  
bell not agaynst thy holye  
Woꝛde. Loke also we be-  
seech thee vpon thy poore dis-  
persed, which for thy truth  
sake are compelled to wan-  
der from place to place, and  
ridde them out of their day-  
lie

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lie greauances, that we may  
all with one voice & vpzight  
heart, and pleasaunt coun-  
tenance, extoll and magnify  
thy holy name. Amen.

Another Psalm  
and Prayer for the  
Church, vnder the bo-  
rowed speache of name  
of a Vineyarde.

**H**earke O thou shepe-  
herde of Israel, thou  
that

of prayers.

that leadest Jacob lyke a  
flocke of sheepe : howe long  
wilt thou be angrie ouer the  
Prayers of thy people.

In Egypt thou haddest a  
Vineyarde , whiche thou  
broughtest among the Hea-  
then, thou plantedst it there  
and it toke roote : so that the  
whole lande was couered  
withall.

Lo, the hilles were coue-  
red with the shadowe of it :  
and so were the strong Ce-  
der trees with the boughes.

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thereof.

Marueylous was the increase of it, after it had taken roote : and so was the name of it, among all Nations.

Neuerthelesse, thou haste suffered the hedge thereof to be broken downe, so that the wyld Beere out of the wood hath rooted it vp : and the beastes of the fielde haue deuoured the Grapes thereof.

O Lorde thou GOD of Hostes, let them perishe in  
thy



of prayers.

thy wꝛath, that thus haue  
destroyed and layde waste  
this thy pleasaunte Wyne:  
whose bꝛaunches spreade  
from See to See.

Preuent vs beseeche thee  
O Lord, the malicious eni-  
mies of this thy Wine: and  
so shall we with voyce and  
heart, laude and praise thy  
holy name. Amen.

The Versicle.

Turne thee, O God, looke  
downe from heauen.

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The Aunswere.

And beholde þy Vineyarde  
which thy right hande hath  
planted.

¶ The prayer.

**A**rise, O Lorde, looke  
on this thy Vine-  
yarde, that it be not  
deuoured of the wicked ha-  
ters thereof. Let thine en-  
mies be scattered, the righ-  
teous (O Lord) make thou  
pleasant and mery, let them  
blowe abroad thy magnifi-  
cence,

of prayers.

cence, let them sing prayſes  
and pleaſaunt ſonges vnto  
thee, let them moſt highlye  
aduancee thy Maieſtie, let  
thy glorie growe, let the  
Kingdome of Chriſt from  
Heauen amonge the cho-  
ſen be enlarged: bee thou  
(O Holye Father) the  
Protector of them, namely  
whom the worlde forſaketh  
and purſueth for Chriſtes  
ſake. How drie O Lorde, is  
the flocke of thine heritage:  
Poure downe largelye we

R. iij. praye

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praye thee therefore, the show-  
ers of thy grace, that the  
Church thy Spouse maye  
deale large spoyles of the  
conquered Sathan. In thy  
house, O Lord, let vs dwell  
in peace and concord: giue  
vs all one heart, one minde,  
and one true interpretation  
of thy Worde, that all that  
belæue in thee by Christ our  
Lorde, might lifte thee vp  
with prayes. And giue to  
thy people cunning and po-  
wer to withstand sinne, and  
to

of prayers.

to obey thy Worde in all  
things: Graunt it so to bee  
moste mercifull Lorde,  
for thy Sonne Je-  
sus Chrestes  
sake. A-  
men.

¶ Here followeth  
certaine Psalmes  
and Prayers very  
profitable to be  
exercised.

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**A** Psalm and  
Prayer to God the  
Father.

**D**oe offer vnto thee  
(O holy father) the  
sacrifice of laude &  
praise : Rendering  
vnto thee (which art moſte  
highest) y bowes of my lips.

Of thy goodnesse O Lord  
thou madest me : and of thy  
mercy hast y redeemed mee.

Hear therefore y Prayers  
of thy seruant, O Lord, and  
turne

of prayers.

turne thine eare vnto mee  
thy poore Creature, whome  
thou hast fashioned & made.

Night and daye will I  
praye vnto thee: beseeching  
thee, O God, that y<sup>e</sup> thought  
& meditations of my heart,  
may be acceptable afore thee.

My mouth shall neuer  
ceasse to speake of thy righ-  
teousnesse: and my lippen  
shall not ceasse to sette forth  
thy laude and praise.

O Lorde & holy Father,  
I beseeche thee, that the in-  
warde

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warde desires of my heart :  
may moue and encline thee  
to heare mee.

Righteousnesse is thine, &  
iudgement is thine : to thee  
therfore I accuse my sinfull  
wayes, & I may cōe againe  
vnto thy grace and fauour.

Extende not therfore (O  
holy Father) thy rodde of  
punishment vpon me : but  
shewe on me thy mercy, al-  
thoughe my defaultes and  
sinnies be many.

Glorie bee to the Father. &c.

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of prayers.

¶ The prayer.

**H**olye Father, remember not the offences of my youth, but thinke vppon thy great mercies and couenant made vnto mee in Christe Iesus thy Sonne my onely Advocate and Mediator. He it is (O holye Father) whome thou diddest sende to be the obeyner of mercie for my sinnes. He was made weak to make me strong. He was woun-

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wounded for mine offences.  
He gave his body to be beaten,  
and his Cheekes to be  
stricken. He tourned not  
away his face from them  
that scorned him and spitte  
oppon him. He gaue hym-  
selfe to death for them which  
were offenders. Whoso  
his loue and mercie he hath  
redemed the that were lost,  
and by his bloudshedding  
on the Crosse he hath paci-  
fied all thinges in Heauen  
and in Earth. Beholue ho-  
ly



of prayers.

ly Father therefore, who it  
is that thus hath suffered,  
and forgieue the sinne that is  
redeemed, for this thy sonne  
Jesus Chyistes sake: write  
in my hart, O Lorde holye  
Father, loue to thy lawe,  
and hate to all sinne, that I  
may be worthe thorow the  
merits of his death and pas-  
sion, to dwell with him and  
thee euerlastingly, to whom  
with thee and the holy ghost  
be all honour, prayse, and  
glozie. Amen.

A

The Alphabet

A Prayer for the  
obteynning of a good  
lyfe.

O Heauenlye Father,  
GOD almightie, ma-  
ker of Heauen and  
Earth, and all things con-  
teyned in them, I beseeche  
thee, that thou wilt vouch-  
safe of thy goodnesse to direct  
sanctifie and keepe my hart  
and bodie, my senses, my do-  
ings, my talke and commu-  
nication in thy holy lawes,  
and

of prayers.

and in the workes of thy  
Commaundementes : and  
that thy holpe Aungell may  
be w<sup>th</sup> mee, to direct my fete  
into the way of peace, truth,  
and health, that I maye de-  
serue to be whole, safe, and  
free, in thee, and by thee, both  
here and in the worlde to  
come. Thou that art y<sup>e</sup> Sa-  
uiour of the worlde, & King  
of glory, heare me and saue  
mee, which liuest & reignest  
God in perfitte vnitie, world  
without ende. Amen.

A

The Alphabet

**A** Prayer to the  
Father, wherein we de-  
sire to do those things  
that may please  
him.

**O** Heauenly father, haue  
thou pittie and compas-  
sion vppon the weak-  
nesse of mee thy vnworthye  
Childe, be thou prest & redy  
(O Holy Father) to helpe  
mee, alwayes shewing thy  
mercy vpon mee, and pros-  
per thou mee in whatsoeuer

¶

of prayers.

I godly goe aboute , so that  
thou giuing mee lighte , I  
may see what things are to  
be accepted befoze thee, and  
thou encozaging me, I may  
haue an earnest desire to doe  
the same, and thou being my  
guide I may come where to  
obtaine them : for I hauing  
nothing but mistrust in my  
selfe, doe yelde and commit  
my selfe ful and wholly vnto  
thee alone , which woꝝkest  
all things in all creatures to  
thy honour & glozie. Amen.

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The Alphabet

**A** Psalm and  
Prayer to the Sonne.

**I** Am ashamed (O  
Lord) to lift vp mine  
eyes vnto thee: be-  
cause my sinnes,  
which are many, are come  
before thee.

O thou almightie, to whō  
all thinges are knowne,  
shew on me thy mercie: yea,  
euen in the sight of the chil-  
dren of men.

Hearc me, O Lord, being  
peni-

of prayers.

¶ The Prayer.

**O** Bountifull Iesu, O  
Swete Saviour, O  
Christ the Sonne of  
God, haue pittie vpon mee,  
mercifully heare mee, and  
despise not my Prayers.  
Thou hast created mee of  
nothing, thou hast redeemed  
me from y<sup>e</sup> bondage of sinne,  
death, and hell, neither with  
golde, no<sup>r</sup> silver, but with  
thy precious bloude, which  
thou offeredst vpon y<sup>e</sup> Crosse

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fo<sup>r</sup>

## The Alphabet

for all mankinde. Cast mee  
not away, O Lorde, whom  
thou by thy great wisdom  
hast made, nor let the wic-  
kednesse of my youth, de-  
stroye that which thy good-  
nesse hath builded. Whylest  
I am here (O Iesu) haue  
thou mercie on mee, and  
whilst I haue time, giue me  
thy grace to repent. Look  
vpon mee, O Lorde Iesu,  
with thy mercifull eyes, as  
thou diddest once vouchsafe  
to looke vpon Peter thine  
Apostle,

of prayers.

Apostle, that after his example I may bewayle my sinfull life, that obteyning thy fauour, I may die therein. I acknowledge that of my selfe, I haue deserued euerlasting death, but yee I appeale to the highe throne of thy mercye, not doubting but that thou wylte haue mercie on mee: Thou hast O Lorde Iesu, giuen thy selfe an acceptable sacrifice to thy Father, to appease his wrath, and to bring all  
D. iij. sin.

## The Alphabet

sinners truly repenting  
to his fauour . Accept mee  
therefore swæte Iesus, tru-  
ly repenting my sinnes, a-  
mong the number of them  
which shall be saued , & that  
I maye leade a godlye and  
innocent lyfe : so that after  
this life I maye attaine  
life euerlasting, thro-  
row the merits of  
thy death and  
Passion.  
Amen.



of prayers.

**A Prayer to**  
**Christ our Sa-**  
**uour.**

**O** My Saviour Christe  
Iesu, which diddest say,  
I will not the death  
of a sinner, but that he liue  
and conuert: vouchsafe I  
beseech thee to looke vpon me  
most wretched sinner, with  
those mercifull eyes, with  
which thou once diddest be-  
holde and looke vpon Peter  
bitterly weeping in thy court  
of

## The Alphabet

of Pylate, wherewith also  
thou diddest looke vpon Ma-  
rie Magdalen the penitent,  
at the feast of Simon, like-  
wise vpon the Thæse hang-  
ing on the Crosse: and cause  
me thoroꝝwe thy great good-  
nesse, that I may worthilye  
bewayle my sinnes, & weepe  
with Peter, and with Ma-  
rie, to loue thee with a pure  
and perfite loue, and with  
the Thæse that I maye be-  
hold and see thee, which with  
God the Father and the ho-  
lye

of prayers.

Ipe Ghost, raignest **G D D**  
worlde without ende.  
Amen.

## A Prayer to the name of Iesu.

**O** Bountifull Iesu, **D**  
Sweete Iesu, **D** Iesu  
Sonne of the pure Vir-  
gin Mary, full of mercy and  
truth. **D** Sweete Iesu, after  
thy great mercy, haue mer-  
cy vpon me. **D** benigne Je-  
su, I pray thee by the same  
precious

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precious bloude that for vs  
miserable sinners thou wast  
content to sheade vpon the  
Altare of the Crosse, that  
thou wilt vouchsafe cleane to a-  
uoid al my finnes and wic-  
kednesse, and not to despise  
me, humblye calling vpon  
thy name. This name Je-  
sus, is a swete name, this  
name Iesus, is the name of  
health: for what is Iesus  
but a Saviour? O good Je-  
sus which hast created me, &  
with thy precious bloude re-  
deemed

of prayers.

deemed mee, suffer me not to  
be damned, whom thou hast  
made of naught. O good Ie-  
su, let not my wyckednesse  
destroie mee, whom thy al-  
mightie goodnesse made and  
formed. O good Iesu, re-  
knowledge that which is  
thine in me, and take cleane  
awaye that which draweth  
me from thee. O good Iesu,  
when time of mercy is, haue  
mercy vpon mee, & confound  
mee not in the time of thy  
terrible iudgement. O good  
Iesu.



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Iesu, if I wretched sinner  
for my sinnes haue by thy  
very iustice deserued eternal  
paine, yet doe I appeale fro  
thy righteousness, and sted-  
fastly trust in thine ineffa-  
ble mercie, doubting not,  
but y thou wilt haue mercie  
vppon me like a meeke Fa-  
ther and mercifull Lorde. O  
good Iesu, what profite is in  
my bloud, seeing I must des-  
cende into corruption: cer-  
tainlye, they that be deade  
shall not magnifie thæ, nor  
they

of prayers.

they that go downe to Hell.

¶ good Iesu, haue mercye  
vpon me. ¶ swæte Iesu, de-

liuer mee. ¶ moſte meeke  
Iesu, be vnto mee comforta-

ble. ¶ swæte Iesu, accept  
mee a wretched sinner, into

the number of them that  
shall be ſaued. ¶ Iesu, the

health of them that beleue  
in thee, haue mercy vpon me.

¶ swæte Iesu, the forgiuer  
of all my finnes. ¶ Iesu,

Sonne of the pure Virgin  
Marie, endue mee with thy

grace,

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grace, wisdom, charitie,  
chastite, and humilitie, and  
with stedfast pacience in all  
mine aduersitie: so that I  
may persitely loue thee, and  
in thee be glorified, and haue  
my onely delight in thee:  
world without end.

Amen.

**A** fruitefull  
prayer daylye to  
be saide.

**O** Mercifull Lorde Iesu,  
I beseeche thee to be  
merciful.

of prayers.

mercifull vnto mee a wretched Sinner : as for all my iniquitie and my negligences, and all my immortifications, I put them all into thy most precious wounds.

O Lorde put away all my sinnes, washe me cleane w thy precious bloud, sanctifie mee with thy bitter passion and death, clense me perfitlye, restore againe vnto me the innocencie which thou (O Lorde) gauest mee in baptisme, that I may truly  
P.s. please

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please thee. I worship, and  
laude, and glorifie thee, I  
praise and giue thanks vn-  
to thee my Lord Iesu Christ  
for all thy mercies and be-  
nifits, which thou daylie be-  
stowest on me. I thank thee  
O sonne of the liuing God,  
which for y<sup>e</sup> exceeding great  
charity that thou didst beare  
towards mee, hast vouchsa-  
fed to be made man. Thou  
wouldest for my sake bee  
borne in a stable, and as an  
Infant bee wrapped in clo-  
thes,



of prayers.

thes, to be swadled and layd  
in a Maunger, to be fed with  
the little mylke of the May-  
den and Virgin, thy blessed  
Mother. Thou diddest for  
my sake suffer needynesse and  
pouertie, and manye other  
agonies diddest thou suffer,  
O Lorde, for my sake: as to  
be apprehended and taken  
shamefully, and to be bound  
vnworthilye, and to be con-  
demned vniustly: thus w in-  
numerable sorowes, wast  
thou brought to that shame-  
full

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full

## The Alphabet

full death of y<sup>e</sup> Crosse, wher-  
bpō for my sake thou diddest  
shedde thy moſte p<sup>r</sup>ecious  
bloud. Graunt mee therefore  
moſte mercifull Chriſt, al-  
waye to acknowledge thy  
great loue and kindneſſe to-  
warde mee, which haſt ſuf-  
fered for me, that I may  
after this lyfe liue  
with thee euer-  
laſtinglye.

Amen.



of prayers.

**A Psalme and  
Prayer to the holy  
Ghost.**

**I**f I haue founde  
grace and fauour in  
thy sight, O Lorde,  
suffer mee a little to  
speake vnto thee: and be no  
more angry with me.

O Lorde omnipotent,  
which by thy wisdomē ru-  
lest all things, giue mee thy  
holy Spirit, that I being  
guided by the same spirit,  
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may neuer be confounded.

Waste thæ, O God, & com-  
fort the soule of thy seruant:  
and let thy wisdom which  
is assistant to thy throne, be  
alwayes with me.

Nothing is more precious  
than wisdom: blessed is  
the man therefore that hath  
his delight therein.

My God make thou a per-  
petuall being with me: and  
sende downe frō the throne  
of thy seate, the dew of thy  
grace, into my heart, that I  
may

of prayers.

may alwayes please thee.

O Lorde, I beseeche thee  
therfore, be with mee in eue-  
rie place, and poure in mee  
that most excellent gifte of  
charitie, without the which  
no man is perfit before thee.

Rise vp, O Lord, and de-  
clare thy glozy vnto thy ser-  
uant: and giue from Hea-  
uen the spirite of thy wise-  
dome, that I maye haue the  
true taste therof.

Encline thine eare there-  
fore, O God, that these my

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humble Prayers maye ascende vpon before thee.

Glozy be to the father, and to the Sonne. &c.

As it was in the beginning, is now. &c.

### ¶ The prayer.

 Holy spirite of God, the thirde person of the deitie, which by thy diuine grace orderest all things: plant in me an insalible knowledg of thy truth. O thou which art called Paracle-

of prayers.

racletus, the liuely fountain  
of the deitic, the fire of cha-  
ritie, the finger of Goddes  
hande, which enrichest with  
the taste of thy Worde pro-  
mised, the hearts of all faith-  
full: breathe into my heart  
a pure fayth, to acknow-  
ledge thee verie God, God  
with the father & the sonne.  
Thou seauen folde dispo-  
ser of the giftes of God, the  
hope of ioye celestiaall: poure  
into my heart the deawe of  
thy grace, that being filled  
with

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With the sweetensse therof,  
I may obey thy blessed will.

O thou God eternall, God  
equall with the Father and  
the Sonne, make strong my  
soule & bodie, that I by thy  
gracious ayde, maye over-  
come y<sup>e</sup> assaults of my ghost-  
lye enimie. O thou onelye  
Scholemaister and guide of  
Gods elect: graunt that I  
may beleue and confesse the  
Father and his Sonne Je-  
sus Christ, with th<sup>e</sup> the spi-  
rite proceeding from them, to  
be

of prayers.

be one God in persons thre,  
and euerlasting in vnitie,  
to whom be giuen for euer-  
more, all laude, prayse,  
honour and gloꝝy.

Amen.

## A Praier to the blessed Trinitie.

O Holy, blessed, and glo-  
rious Trinitie, the Fa-  
ther, the sonne and the  
holy Ghost, thre persons  
and one God, haue mercie  
vpon

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upon mee. Lorde omnipotent and euerlasting God, without beginning or ending, whome wee doe confesse one in Trinitie, & thre in vnitie: I prayse thee: I worship thee: I glorifie thee, and giue thanks vnto thee, for thy mercifull goodnesse & clemencie, which wouldest that I being in y darkenesse of all error and ignorance, should be made partaker of thy grace and mercie. I beseeche thee also most blessed  
and



of prayers.

and glorious Trinity, bring  
to passe the work of thy mer-  
cifull goodnesse begonne in  
mee, and leade me in all pie-  
tie and godlinesse, and cause  
me alwayes to thinke and  
speake, and doe those things  
which shall be acceptable in  
thy sight, y after this life I  
may haue the fruition of thy  
deltie, which liuest and  
reignest God in per-  
fite vnitie, world  
withoute  
ende.

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**A Prayer vpon**  
the Petitions of the  
Lords Prayer.

**O** Almighty and E-  
ternall God, which  
vouchsafest that we,  
as it were thy Heauenlye  
Children, should euery one  
of vs, cal thee our Heauenly  
Father: graunt that among  
vs, by purenesse and exam-  
ple of liuing, thy most holy  
name may be sanctified, that  
all other nations beholding  
our

of prayers.

our vertuous dedes that y  
workeſt in vs, may be ſtir-  
red to bleſſe and glorify the.

Graunt, O Lorde, that  
the Kingdome of thy grace  
and mercie may reigne con-  
tinuallye in our heartes, ſo  
that we maye be partakers  
of the Realme, of thy glorie  
and maiestie.

Graunt that vnto the ve-  
rie death wee reſuſe not to  
followe thy diuine will, and  
that wee (according to the  
example of the celeftiall Ci-  
tizeng,

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tizens , agræing together  
quietly) vnited in spirite, all  
controuerſy in opinions laid  
apart, the luſtes of the fleſhe  
being ſubdued, and all flat-  
tering assaults of the world,  
and the Deuill overcome,  
neuer waſtle againſt thy  
moſt holy will.

Graunt, O Lord, for our  
bodie needefull ſuſtinance,  
that we may the more freely  
ſerue thee. Giue vs we be-  
ſeech thee (O mercifull Fa-  
ther,) that Heauenly bread,  
the

of prayers.

the bodie of thy Sonne Iesu  
Christ the very fode & helth  
of our soules. Giue vs the  
bzeade of thy Diuine pre-  
cepts, that we maye truely  
walke & liue in them. Giue  
vs the bzeade of thy heauen-  
ly word, which is the strong  
fortresse and sure defence of  
our soules, that wee being  
well fedde & filled with this  
fode, maye worthilpe come  
to the celestiaall feast, where  
as is no hunger.

Graunt O Lord that we

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patiently beare and suffer  
our Enemies and suche as  
hurt vs, and willingly for-  
giue the offences committed  
against vs, that so we maye  
finde thee (O Lorde) mylde  
and mercifull in forgiuing  
vs our trespasses.

Graunt, O Lorde, that  
we be not utterly ledde into  
temptation, that thereby we  
shoulde be lost : but in all  
perilles of temptation, and  
in the midst of the stormie  
tempestes of tribulations,  
let

of prayers.

penitent, whome thou hast  
hitherto patiently suffered :  
to the intent I shoulde re-  
pent and amende.

Naked and bare I came  
into this worlde, O Lorde :  
and naked and bare I shall  
returue againe.

My heart doth faint , and  
my soule is troubled ( O my  
God and my Lorde : ) and  
my strength is al gone from  
mee.

O Lord make strong thy  
humble and vnworthie ser-  
uant,

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uant, that my ioy may be al-  
wayes in thee.

Receyue me of thy good-  
nesse (O Lorde) into thy fa-  
uour : and shewe thy mercie  
on me, for thou art merci-  
full.

Extende thy gracious fa-  
uour toward me : and haue  
regarde to my request, and  
so shall I reioyce in thy hea-  
uenly maiestie.

Glorie be to the Father,  
and to the Sonne. &c.

As it was in the. &c.

¶ The

of prayers.

let vs thy chyl dren perceyue  
and feele thy ffatherlye suc-  
cour readie to helpe vs, least  
that we (ouercome with the  
naughtie crafts and deceyts  
of the tempter,) shoulde be  
drawne into everlastyng de-  
struction: but when we bee  
well assayed, approued, and  
poured wyth the fire of  
temptation, then let vs fi-  
nishe our course, and so wel  
and valiantlye fight, that  
we maye for evermore lyue  
with thee in that Heauenlye

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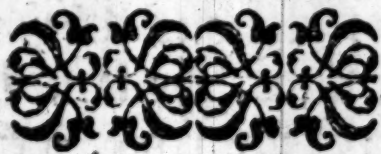
Titte, where and agaynst  
y which, no maner of temp-  
tation can pꛑeuayle.

Finallye, graunt (moste  
mercifull Father) that we  
thoꛑowe thy benigne good-  
nesse, may be deliuered from  
all euils pꛑesent & to come,  
both of body and soule: and  
that at the last, the yoke of  
the foule fiend being shake  
off, we may possesse the he-  
ritage of thy Heauenlye  
kingdome, which thy sonne  
with his pꛑecious bloude,  
bought



of prayers.


bought for vs thy children :  
and there for euer to haue  
fruition of celestiall delec-  
tations, accompanied wyth  
Aungels & blessed Sainctes,  
thorow the helpe, benignitie  
and grace of our Sauour  
Jesus Christ, to whom and  
to thee our Father, and the  
holy Ghost, be glorie and  
honor now and e-  
uer. Amen.



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¶ A

**I** A comfortable  
Meditation of the reconcili-  
ation and attonement  
made by Christ to  
God the Fa-  
ther.

 Almighty G O D,  
Father of my Lord:  
beholde, the moſte  
highe & precious thing that  
I can finde, the ſame haue  
I offered vnto thee, y thing  
of

A godly Meditation.

of moſte eſtimation that I  
coude finde, haue I humbly  
preſented vnto thee, which  
is thy deare Sonne Chriſt.  
I haue left nothing, but in  
him I haue declared it, to  
thy diuine Maieſtic. There  
is nothing remayning that  
I may adde more, becauſe I  
haue committed and betak-  
en my whole hope vnto  
him. I haue I ſaye (O holy  
Father) ſent vnto thee my  
advocate and ſpokesman,  
even thy welbeloued ſonne.

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A godly Meditation.

I haue sente thy glorious  
childe to be a Mediatour for  
mee: I haue sent him as an  
intercessor, by whom I trust  
to get pardon and forgive-  
nesse of my sinnes. I haue  
sent (O mercifull Father)  
worde vnto worde (that is)  
God vnto God, according  
to the saying of thyne Apo-  
stle: In the beginning was  
the word, and the word was  
with God. &c. which worde  
I beleue was sent downe  
from thee for my misdoedes,  
and

A godly Meditation.

and did take vppon him my  
humanitie and nature, in y  
which he thought not shame  
to suffer buffettes, bondes,  
spittings and mockes. Yea,  
he tooke vpon him to suffer y  
cruell paynes of the Crosse,  
nayles and darte: and after  
diuers punishmentes, gaue  
vp his most holy spirite, and  
was reckned amōg y dead.  
Looke merciful Father here  
vpon thy Sonne, whome y  
diddest begette, and bond-  
servant whom he redeemed.

We:



A godly Meditation.

Behold here a Creator, and  
doe not refuse a Creature.  
Receiue the shepeherd wel-  
comed with a gentle and lo-  
uing countenance, and mer-  
cifully looke vpon the sheepe  
whiche hee hath broughte  
home to the ninetie & nine.  
Beholde (O Lorde) my  
king and my God, which  
lyke a good shepeherde, ren-  
dred to thee that which thou  
didst commit to his charge.  
I was able (O holpe Fa-  
ther) by my selfe to offende  
thee:

A godly Meditation.

thee: but I was not able of  
my selfe to appease and pa-  
cishe thee. If thou therefore  
despise me (as it were right)  
for mine iniquitie, yet at  
the least wise, mercifull ye  
looke vppon me for the cha-  
ritie of thy welbeloued sone.  
Looke (O holy Father) vppon  
the sacrifice of the flesh,  
and pardon the offences of  
flesh: and bicause flesh hath  
stirred thee to anger, let  
fleshe I beseeche thee moue  
thee to mercie, that lyke as  
flesh

A godly Meditation.

flesh hath seduced and ledde  
mee to sinne, so fleshe maye  
get and obtayne for mee, re-  
mission for sinne. For cer-  
taine it is, much that mine  
iniquitie hath deserued, but  
yet much more it is, that the  
goodnesse of my Redēmer  
may euen of right require.  
Myne vnrightheousnesse is  
great, but yet holy Father  
his rightheousnesse is grea-  
ter: wherefore most noble  
Creator of light, pardon  
myne offences, for the mise-  
rable

A godly Meditation.

rable traueyles and paynes  
that thy beloued Sonne did  
sustaine. Now I beseech thee  
(O mercifull Father) let  
his goodnesse be set against  
my wickednesse, his mode-  
stie and temperance, against  
my vngracious naughti-  
nesse, and his meeknesse a-  
gainst my fierce cruelty. Let  
his humilitie recompence my  
pꝑde, his patience, mine  
impatience, his gentlenesse  
mine vngentlenesse, his obe-  
dience, my disobedience, his  
quiet.

A godly Meditation.

quietnesse, myne vnquiet-  
nesse, his pleasaunt toward-  
nesse, my bitter frowarde-  
nesse: his sweete facilitie and  
gentlenesse, mine anger and  
fretting fumes. To cōclude  
O holy father, let his cha-  
ritie make amends for mine  
vnmmercifulnesse. To whom  
with thee and the holy ghost  
be all honor and glorie,  
both now and euer,  
worlde without  
ende. A  
men.  
FINIS.



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